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POLYANYDRIDE NANOPARTICLES: A DRUG DELIVERY VEHICLE TO KILL INTRACELLULAR PATHOGENS

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INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAM

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Overview

- Introduction to IGS
 - VMPPM
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- Project Outline
- Key Observations, Results, Conclusion
- Future Plans

Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies Program

DESCRIPTION

Available to graduate students who wish to have a more diversified program of advanced study than generally permitted for students who specialize in a single subject

Program is open to any qualified graduate student, who wish to improve their subject matter competence in more than one discipline.

COURSEWORK

Allowed to take courses in three different graduate subject matter areas

Each subject contributing a **minimum** of nine (9) semester credits toward the 35 semester graduate credits required for the degree

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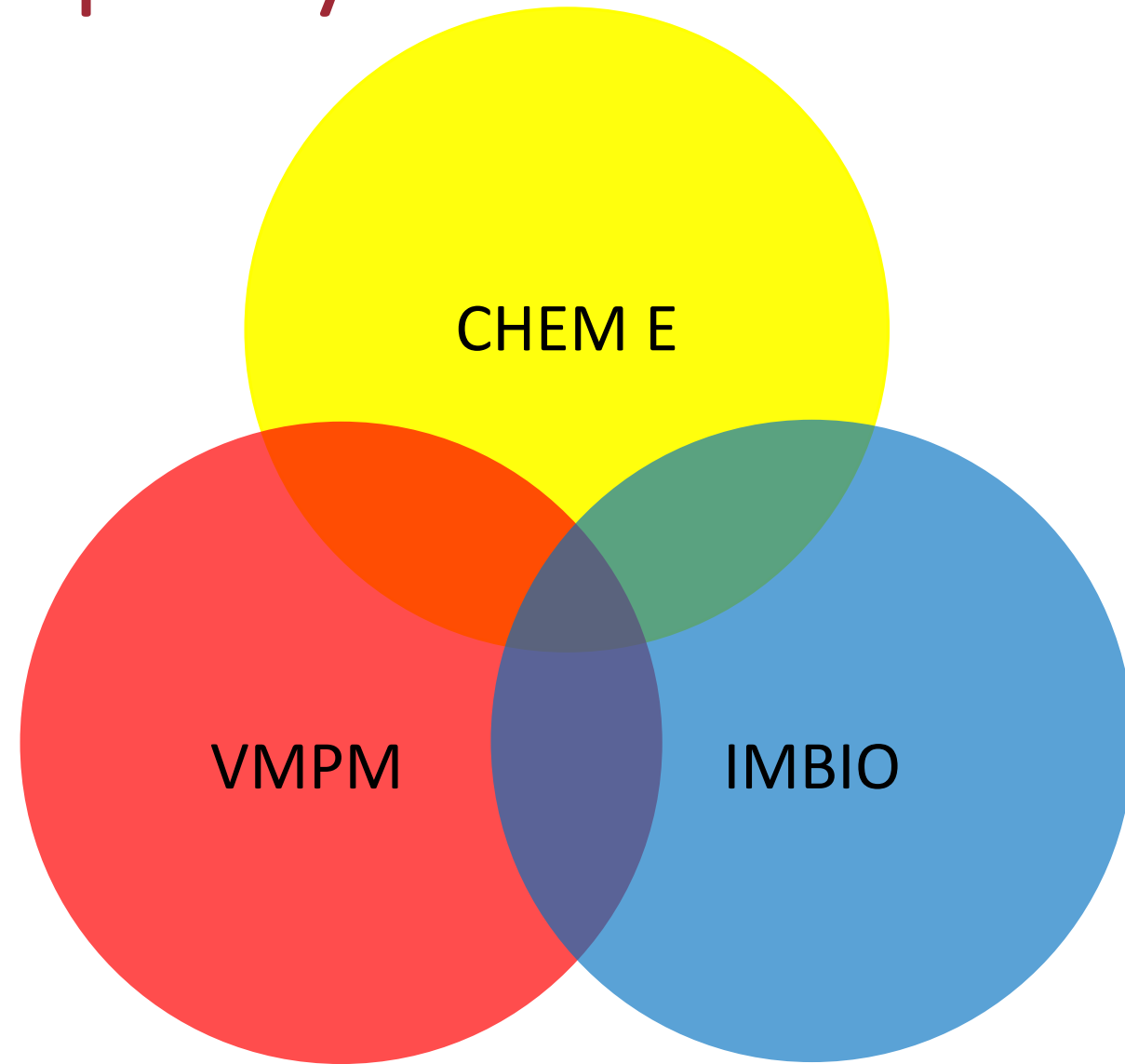
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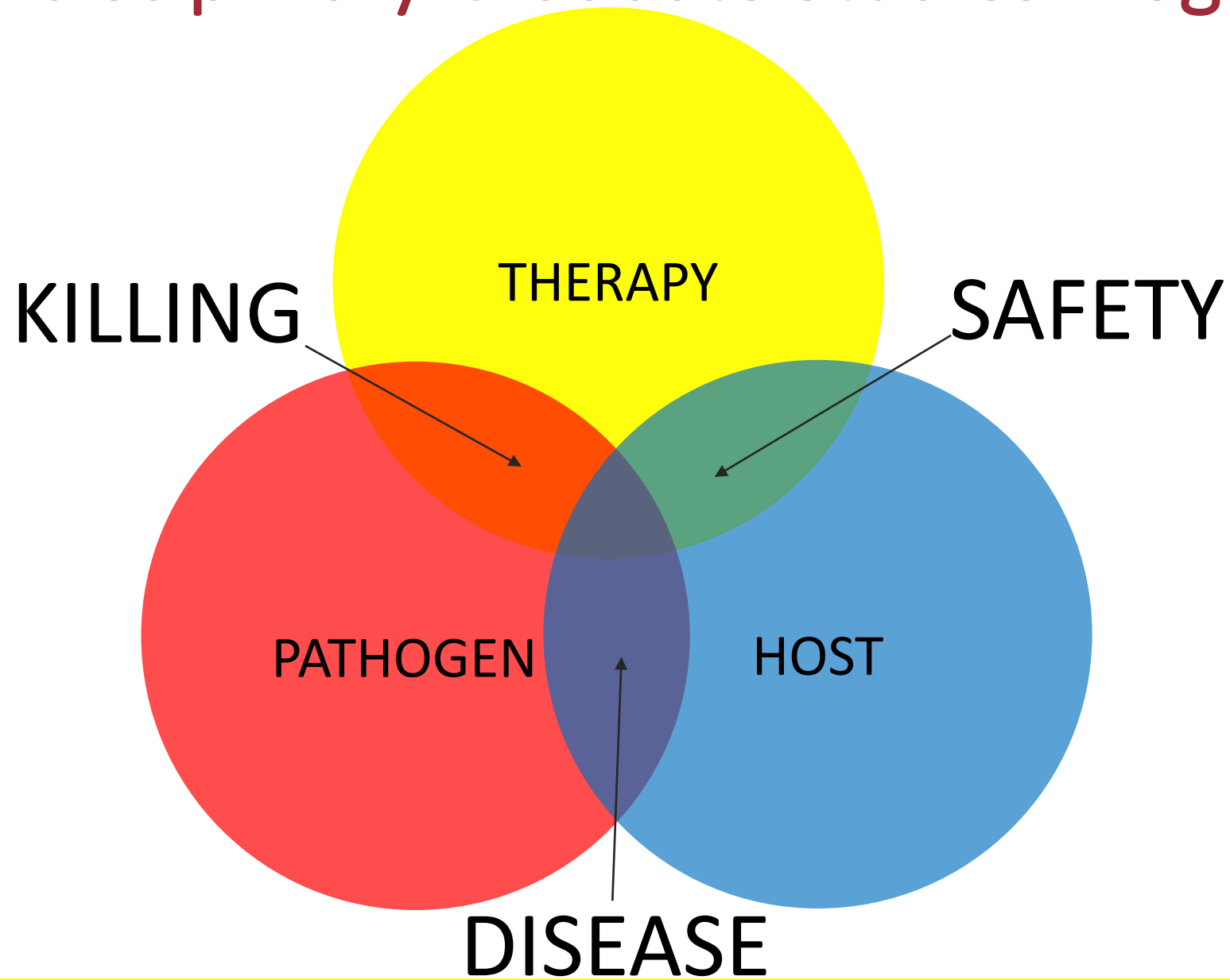


The student, in consultation with his/her Program of Study Committee, will decide on the choice of option (i.e., thesis or non-thesis). The Program of Study Committee also aids the student in planning a program of study, selecting appropriate courses, and determining foreign language requirements, if applicable.

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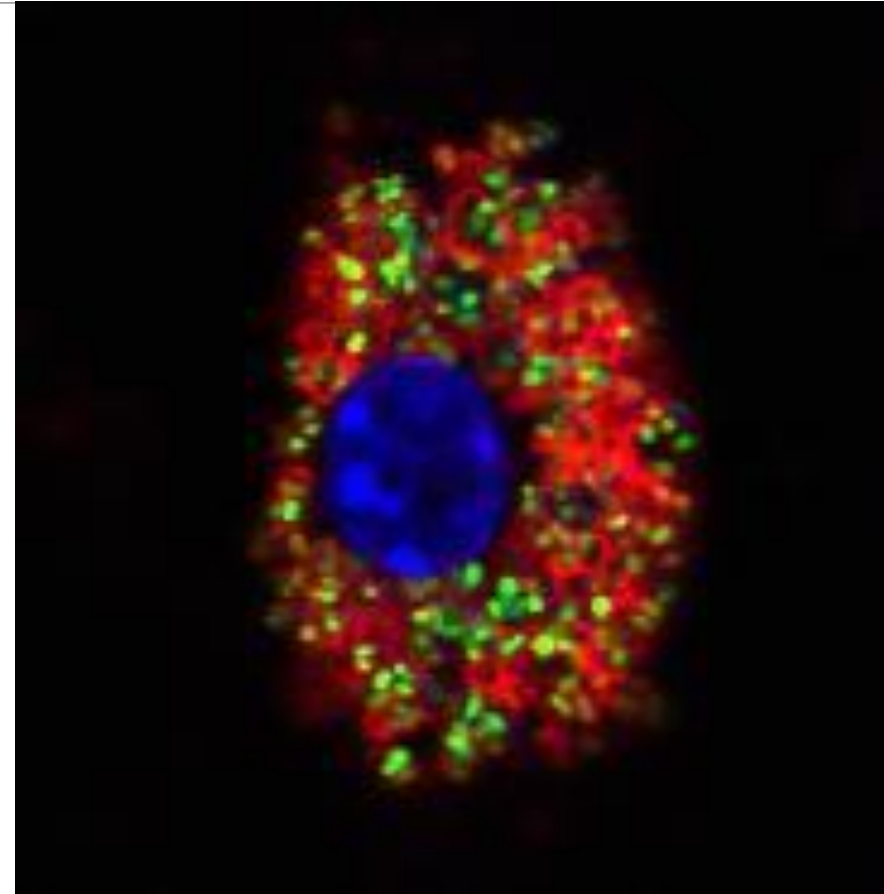
Brucellae

Gram Negative

Coccobacillus

Facultative Intracellular
Pathogens:

10 Species



Species



| Species | Biovar/Seravar | Natural Host | Human Pathogen |
|----------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| B. melitensis | species | Goat, sheep | yes |
| B. abortus | 1-6,9 | Cattle, bison, buffalo | yes |
| B. suis | 1, 2, 3 | Swine | yes |
| | 4 | European hares | Yes |
| | 5 | Reindeer, caribou | yes |
| B. canis | none | Dogs, other canids | yes |
| B. ovis | none | Sheep | no |
| B. neotomae | none | Rodents | no |
| B. maris | | Marine mammals | Yes(?) |
| B. pinnipediae | | | |
| B. cetaceae(?) | | | |

Human Transmission

Rarely Fatal

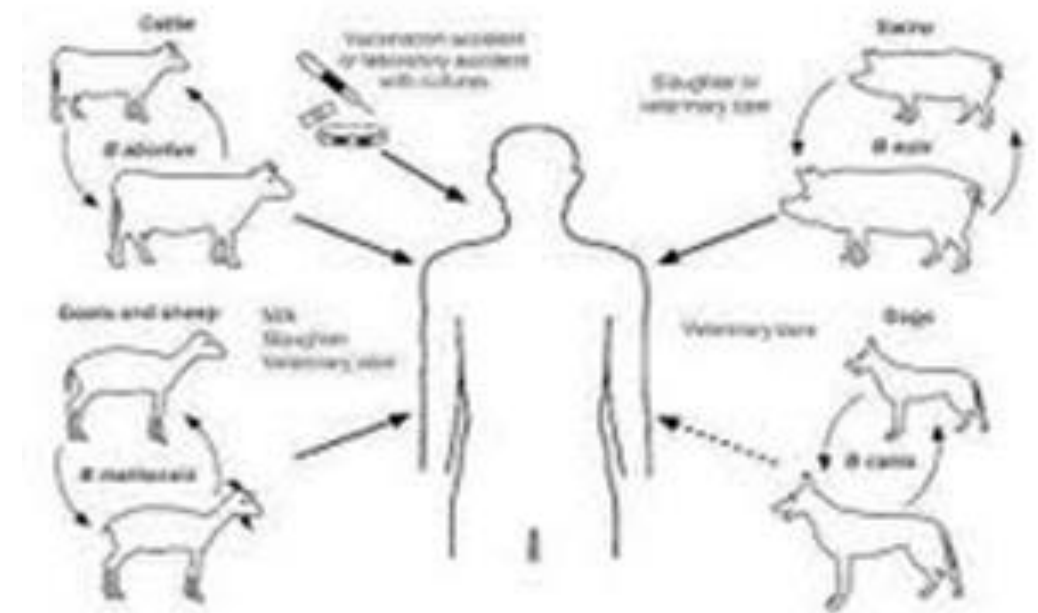
Not transmissible from person to person

Zoonotic

Highly infectious through aerosol

10-100 bacteria for infection

Conjunctiva, skin lesions, contact with infectious tissue, ingestion of unpasteurized dairy



Brucellae

Symptoms in Humans

Undulating Fever

Headache

Anorexia

Complications include
endocarditis, meningitis,
arthritis



Brucella

Treatment

Daily Combination of
Doxycycline & Rifampin

Regiment 6-8 weeks

Relapse

No Vaccine for Human
Brucellosis



Prevention

- Animal Vaccines
- Avoid direct contact with visibly sick animals
- Wear eye protection and gloves when handling carcasses
- Do not drink unpasteurized milk



Brucellae

Biological Threat

CDC Category B Biological Threat
Agent

- Debilitating Symptoms
- Significant Morbidity
- Relapse of Infection
- Lack of Human Vaccine



Brucellae

Virulence Factors

Intracellular niche

LPS very little endotoxicity & poor inducer of cytotoxic mediators

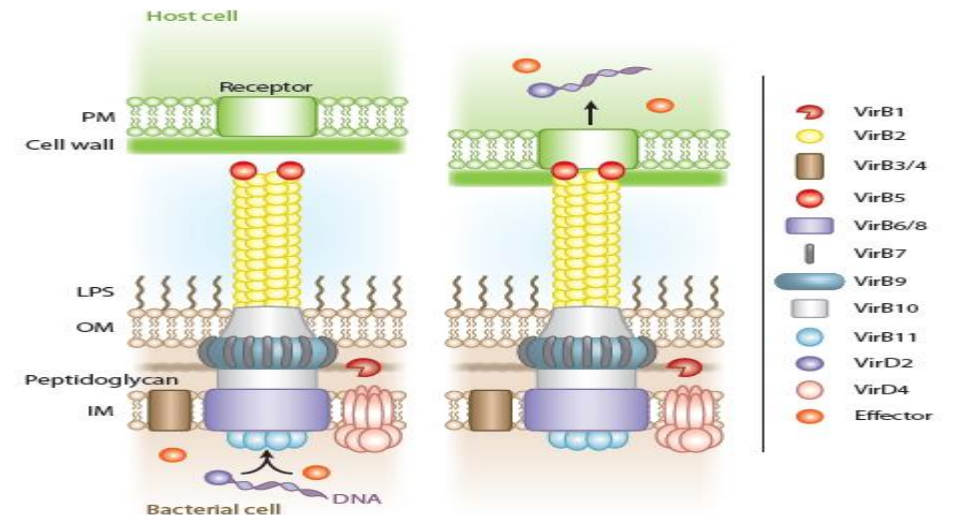
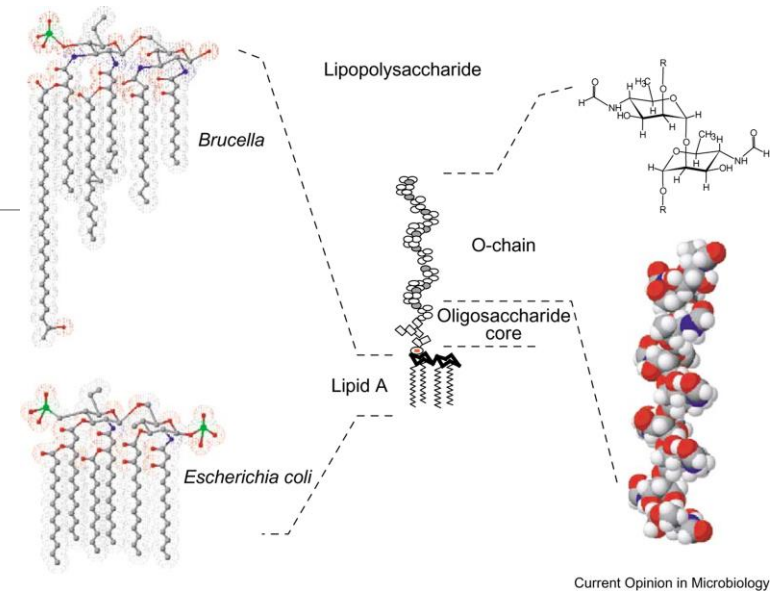
Smooth O-chain are resistant to serum & complement, enter via lipid rafts

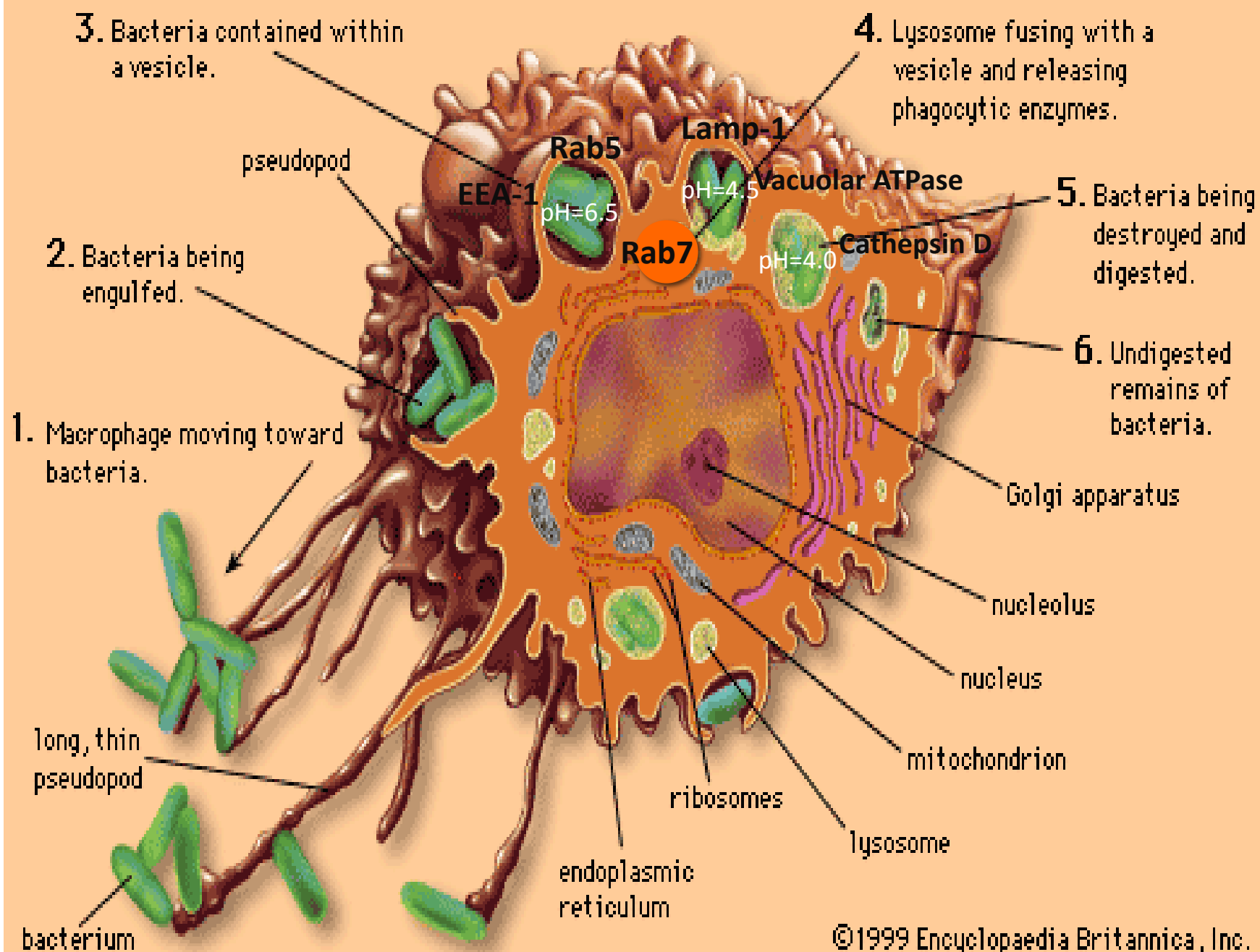
Type IV Secretion System

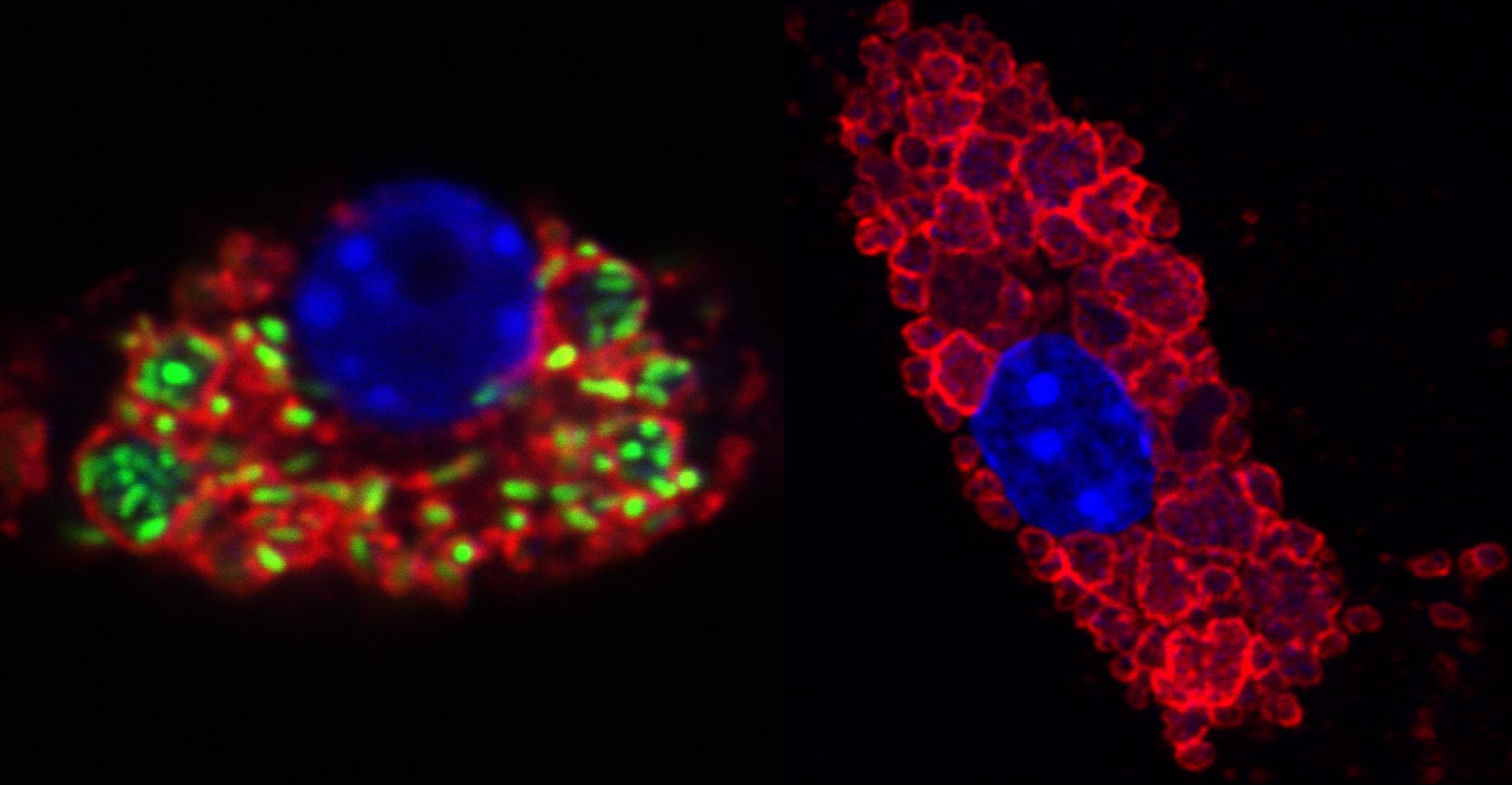
Cyclic β -1,2-glucans

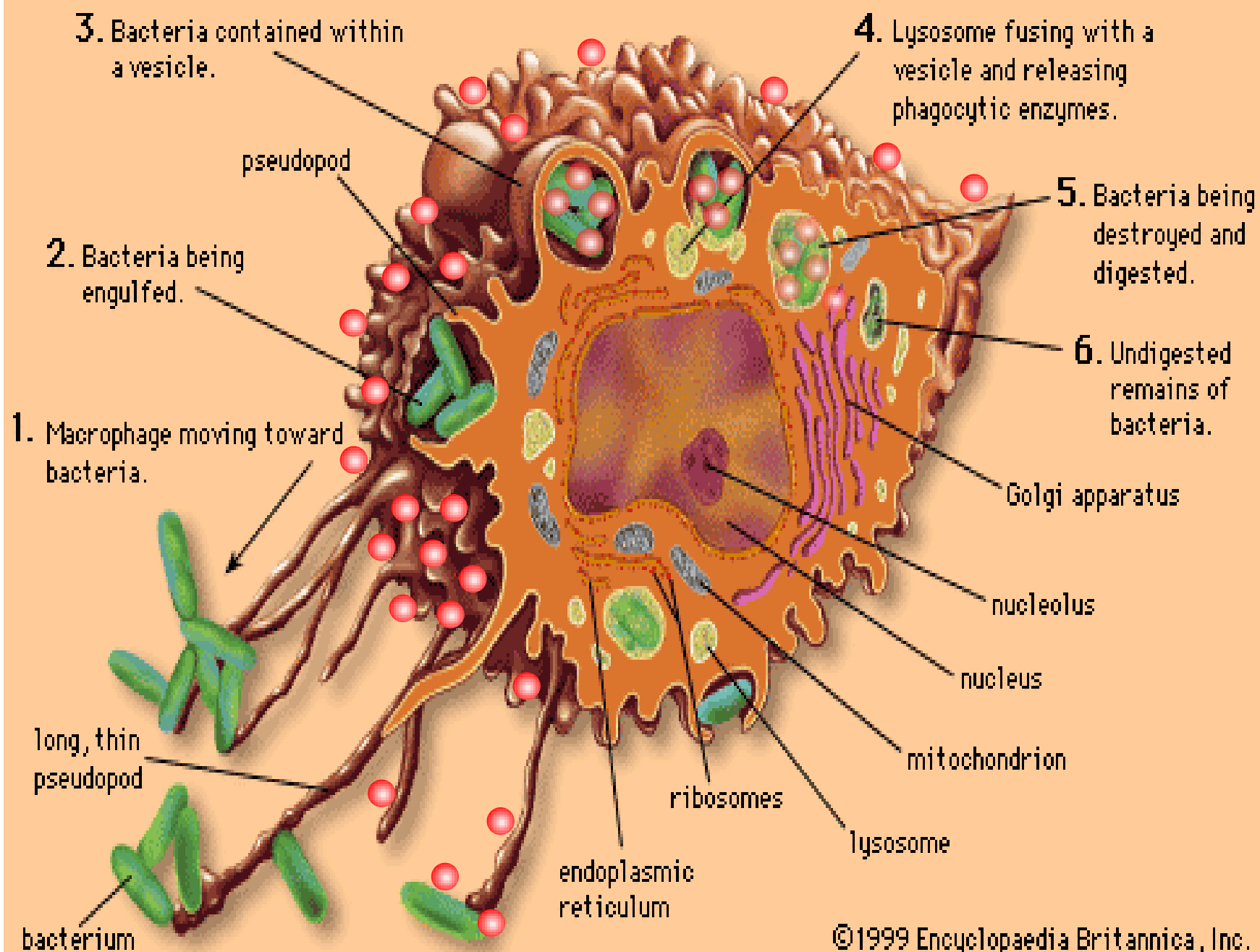
Prevents Apoptosis

(2,3-DHBA) & 2,3-DHBA-based siderophore brucebactin (Bellaire et al, 2003).









Brucella Host Cellular Immune Response

Effective Response requires CMI

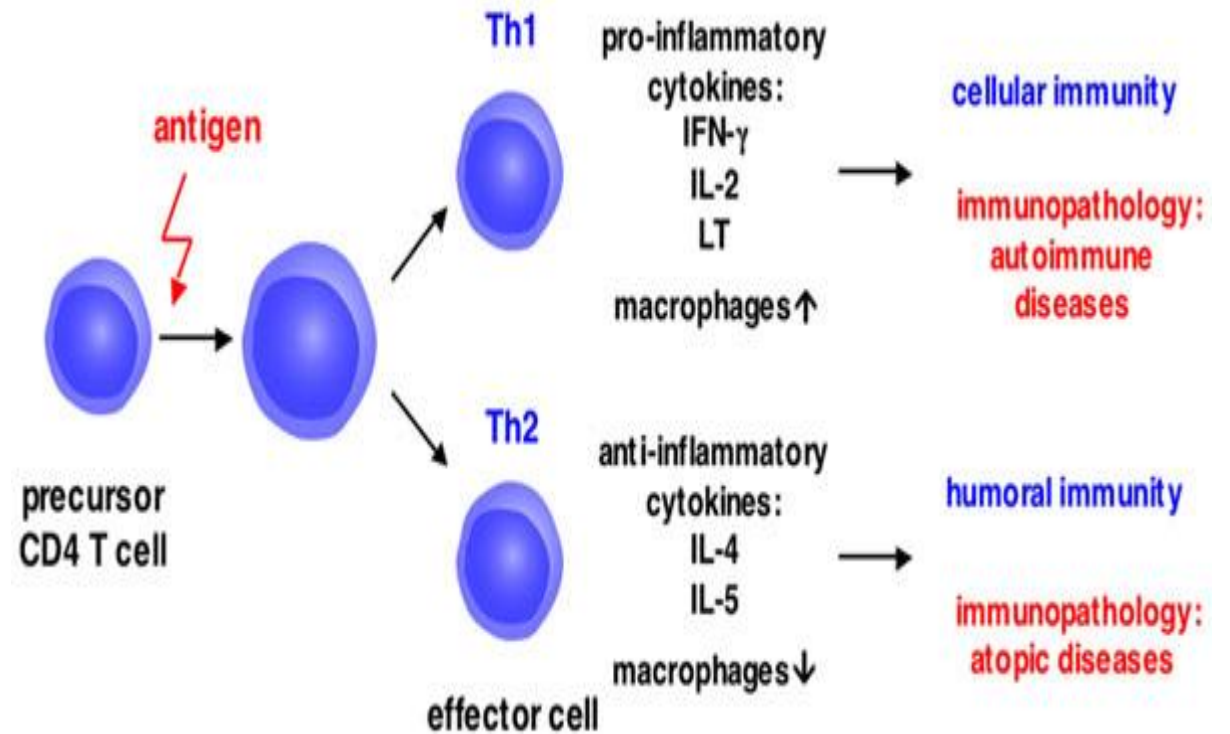
Cell-Mediated Response

- T_H1 response
- Activate Macrophages

Immunity is based on IFN- γ

- Controlled by IL-12 and TNF- α

ROI & NO contribute to Control

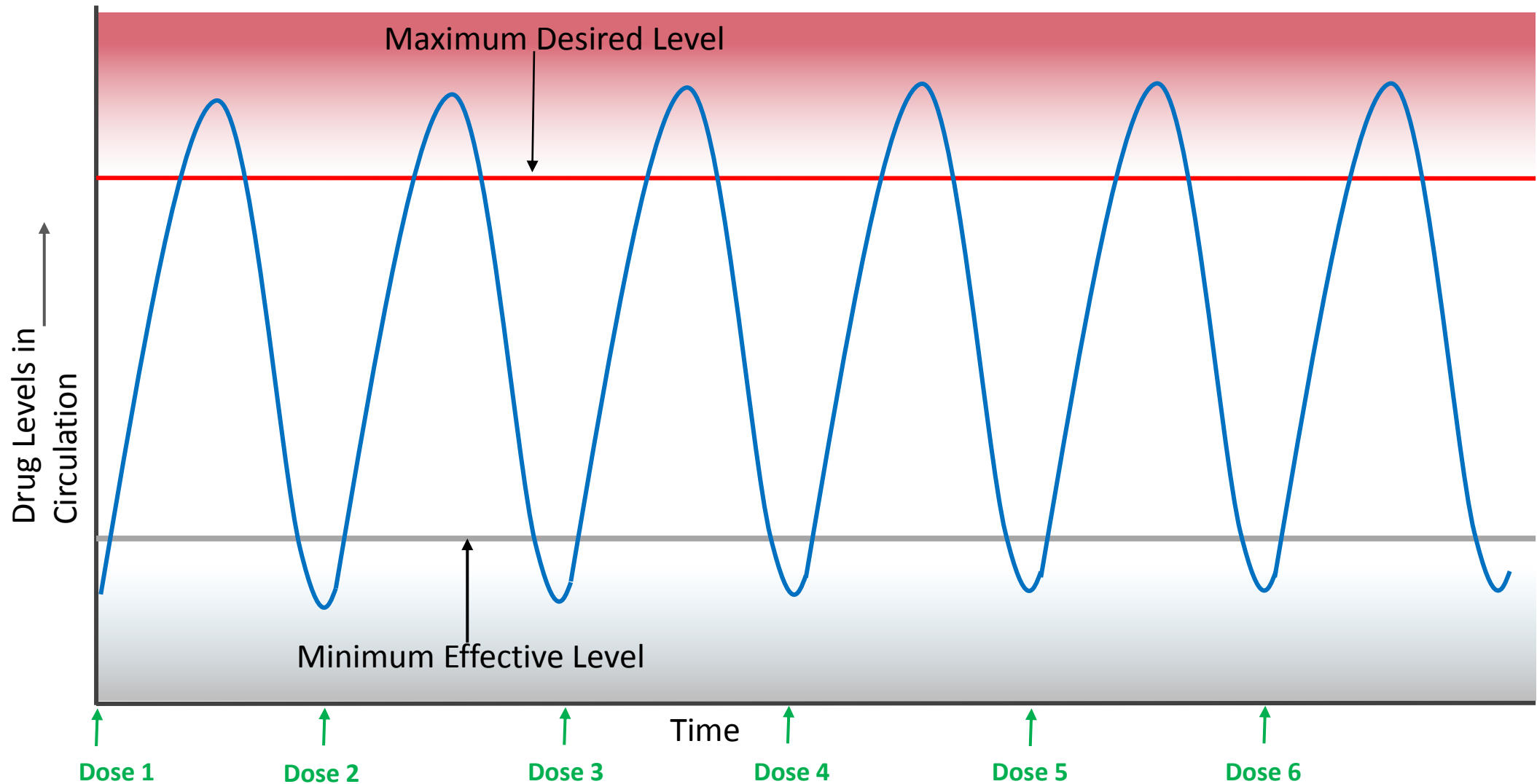


Drug Delivery

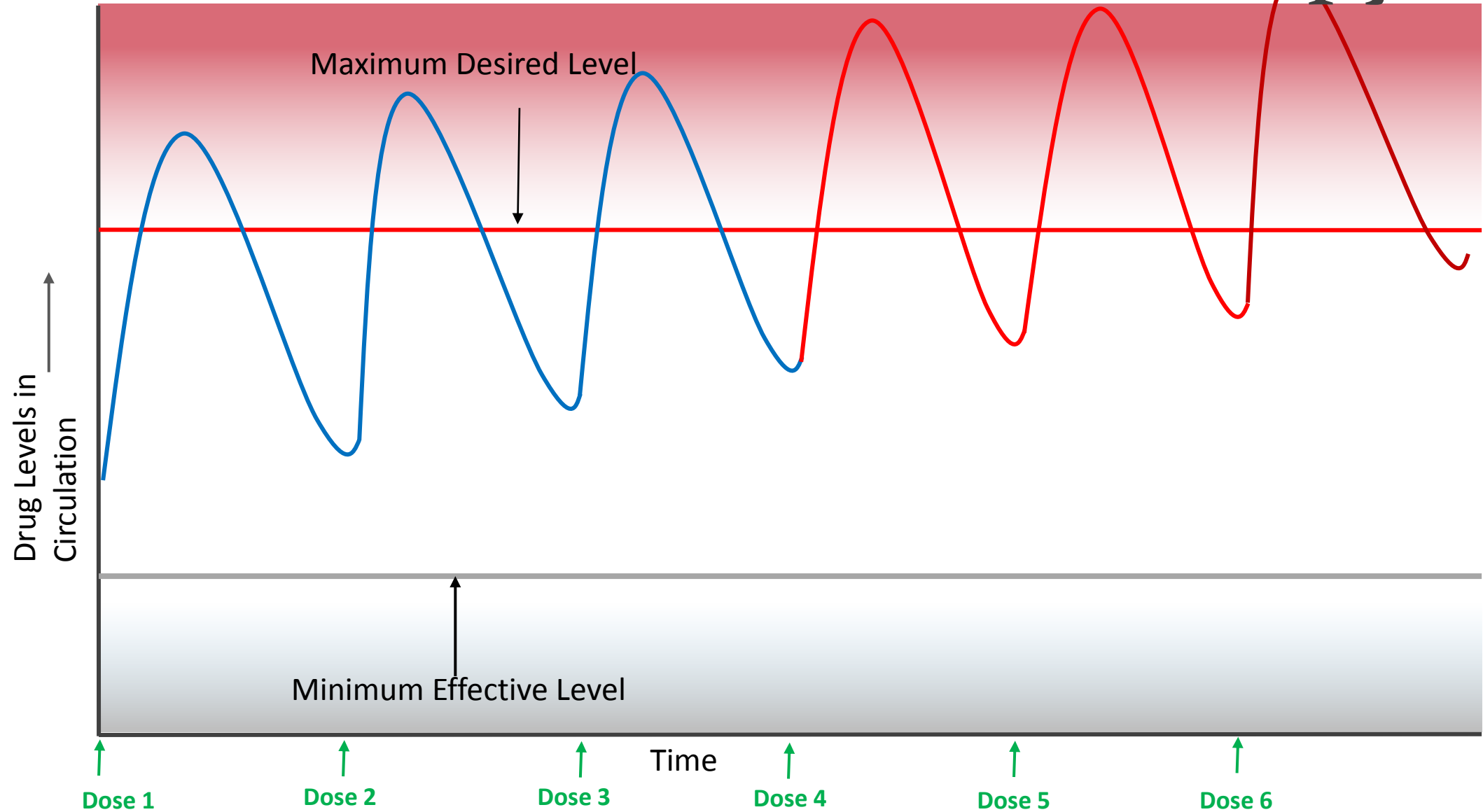
“refers to approaches, formulations, technologies, and systems for transporting a pharmaceutical compound in the body as needed to safely achieve its desired therapeutic effect.”

<http://www.reference.md/files/D016/mD016503.html>

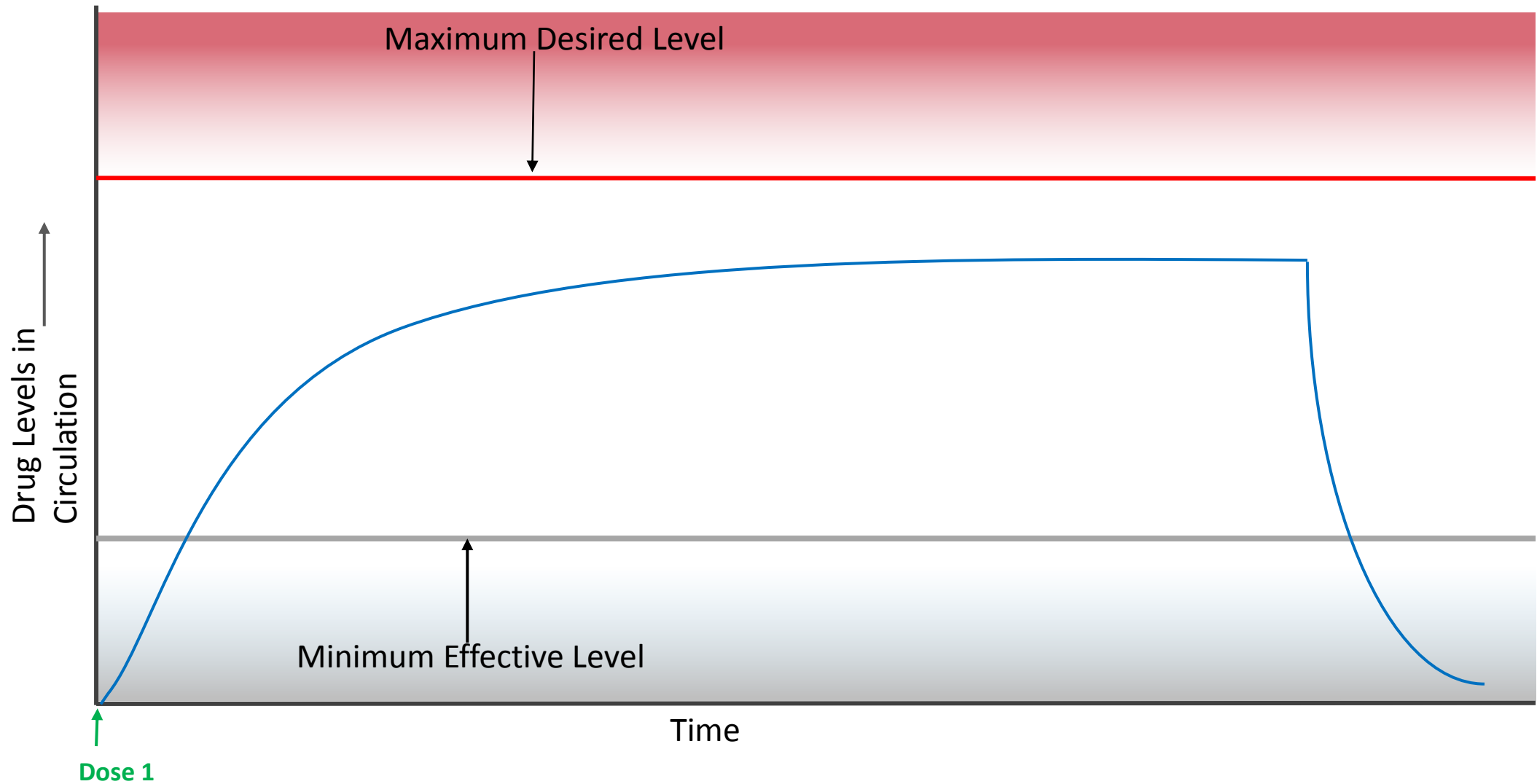
Therapeutic Index



Detriments of Soluble Therapy



Controlled Drug Delivery



Drug Delivery

Must stabilize drug

- Drug must be bioactive.

- Therapeutic drugs (proteins), prone to deactivation (synthesis)

- Proteins, in soluble form, may lose their functional properties (in vivo)

Administer drug at a concentration

- necessitates therapy

- precludes toxicity

- Drug to be released in a controlled, and sustained manner.

Material that encapsulates and delivers drug should be biodegradable

Biodegradable Polymers

Encapsulates drug

Safely degrade

Excellent candidates for controlled release

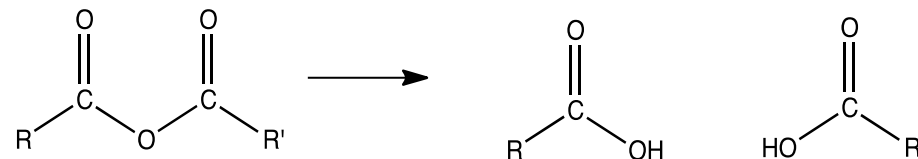
Versatility in degradation mechanism

Two main classes: Polyanhydrides and Polyesters

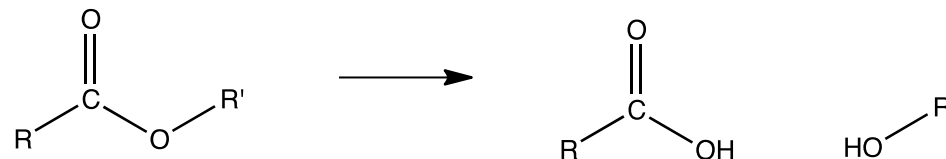
Two degradation mechanism

What can be hydrolyzed?

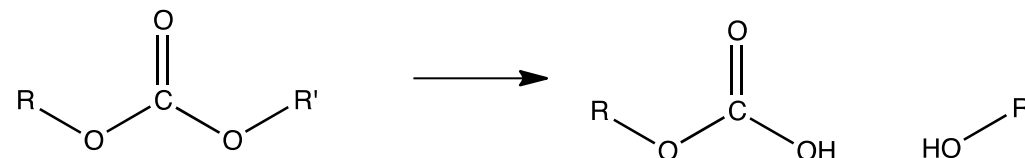
1. Anhydrides



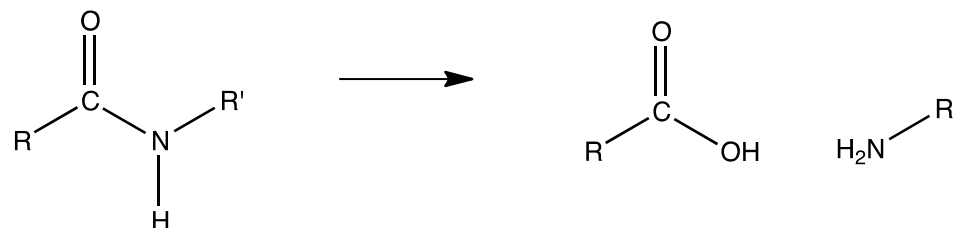
2. Esters



3. Carbonates



4. Amide



Fast

Slow

Polyesters vs. Polyanhydrides

Both approved for use in humans

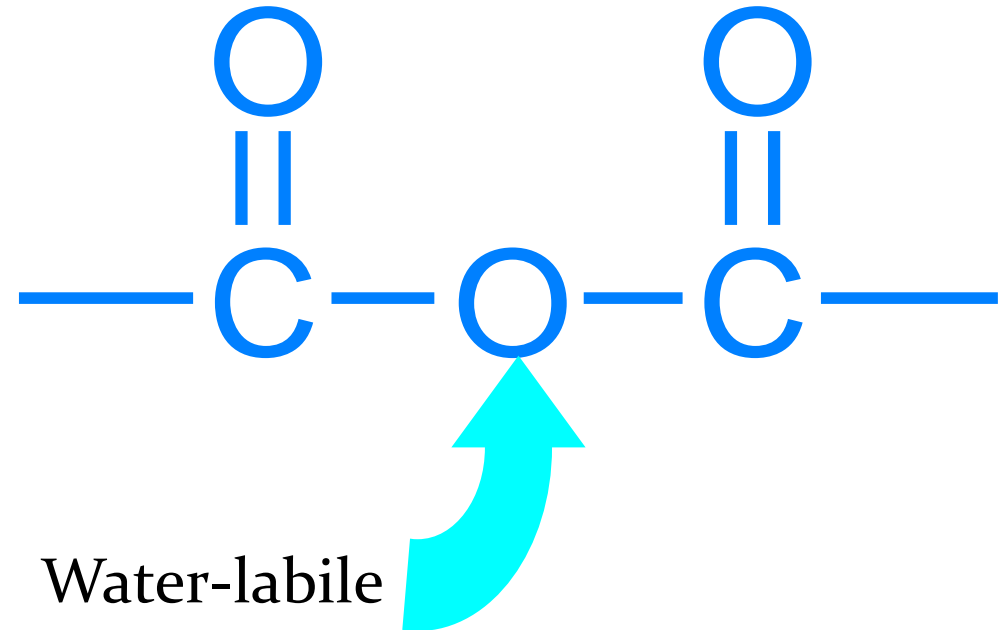
Both have tailorable release rates

Polyesters: bulk eroding, acidic degradation products

Polyanhydrides: surface eroding, very hydrophobic



Polyanhydrides

- Anhydride bond
 - Hydrolytically unstable
 - Degrades into two carboxylic acid groups
- Suitable for drug delivery systems
 - Gliadel[®]
- Surface erodible



Domb, Amselem, Langer, and Maniar, in *Biomedical Polymers Designed-to-Degrade Systems* (1993)

Commercialized Controlled Release Formulations

| Brand Name | Application | Release time | Delivery route |
|---|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| GLIADEL® WAFER (polifeprosan 20 with carmustine implant) | Anti-tumor | Weeks | Implant |
| <i>Once-a-day</i> Claritin-D® 24 Hour (10 mg loratadine/240 mg pseudoephedrine sulfate, USP) Extended Release Tablets | Allergy | 1 Day | Oral |
|  Lynelle™ monthly contraceptive injection <small>medroxyprogesterone acetate & estradiol valerate injectable suspension</small> | Contraceptive | 1 Month | Injection |
| PROZAC® Weekly™ fluoxetine hydrochloride  | Anti-depressant | 1 Week | Oral |

Bulk Erosion

Modified

1,8-bis(*p*-carboxyphenoxy)-3,6-dioxaoctane (CPTEG)

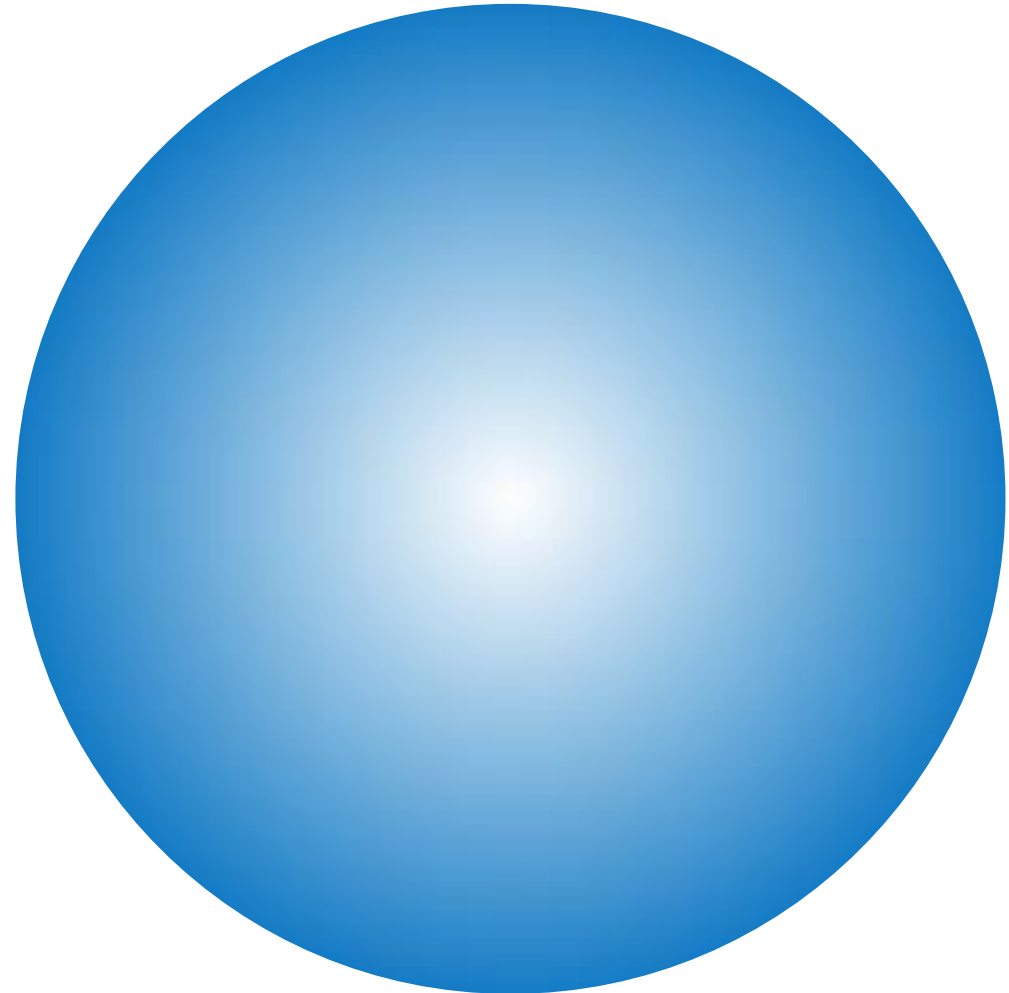
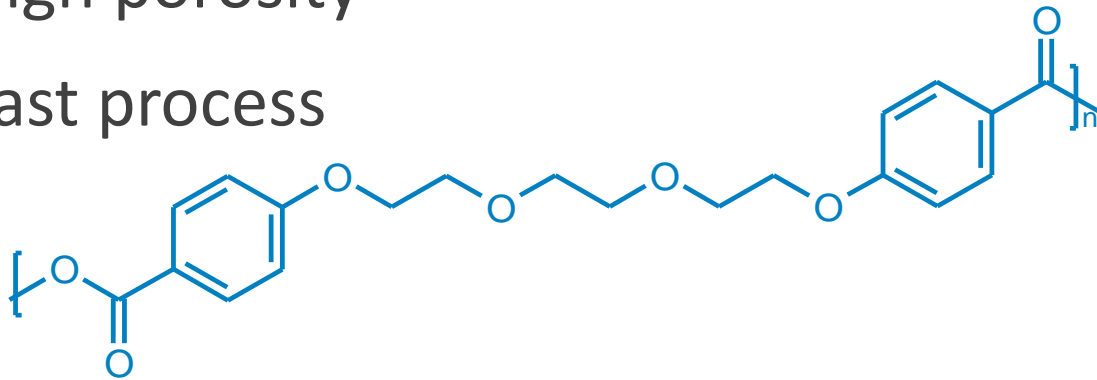
Hydrophilic backbone

Porous

Allow water to diffuse through surface

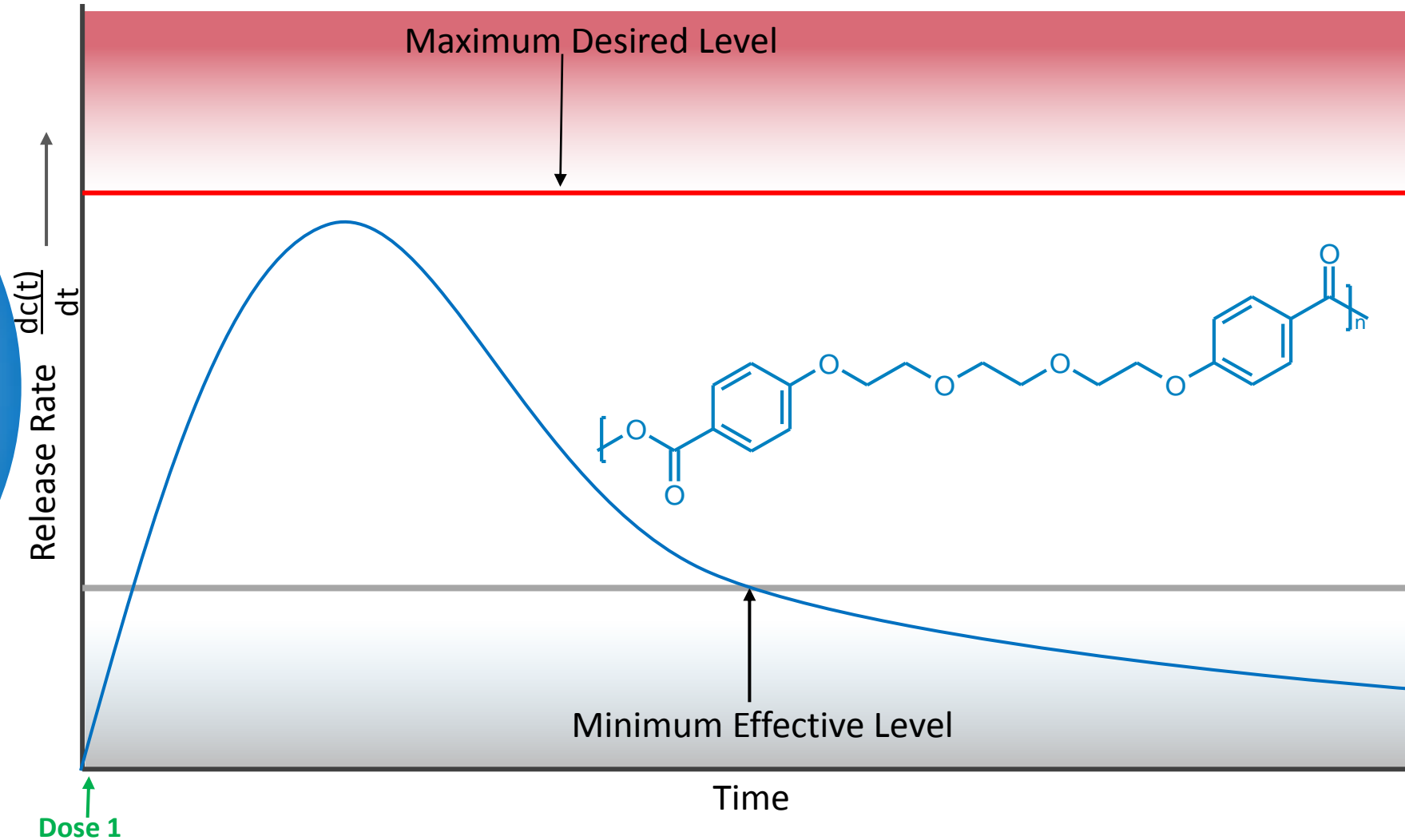
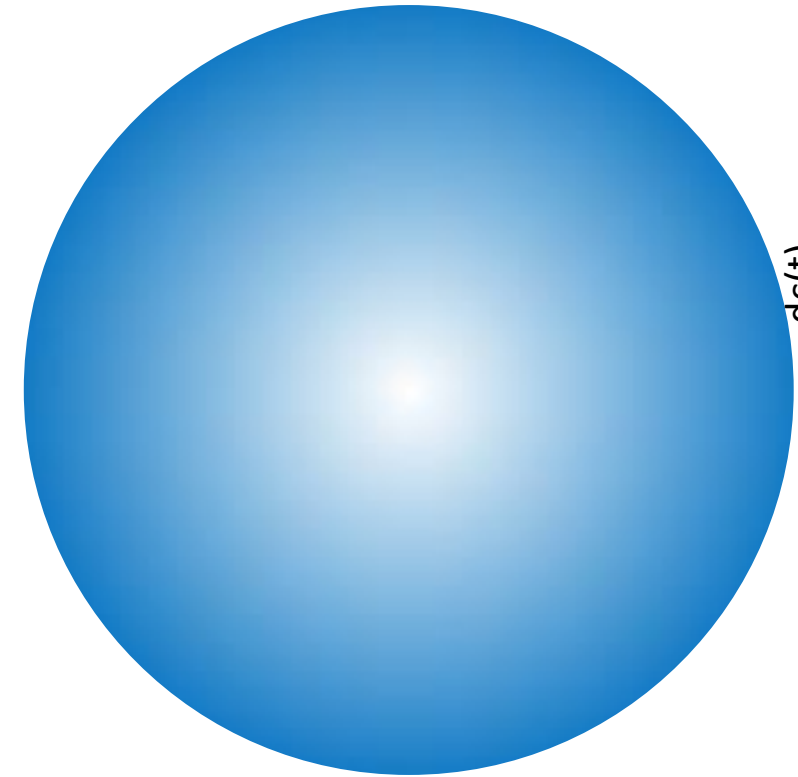
High porosity

Fast process



Modified

1,8-bis(*p*-carboxyphenoxy)-3,6-dioxaoctane (CPTEG)



Surface Erosion

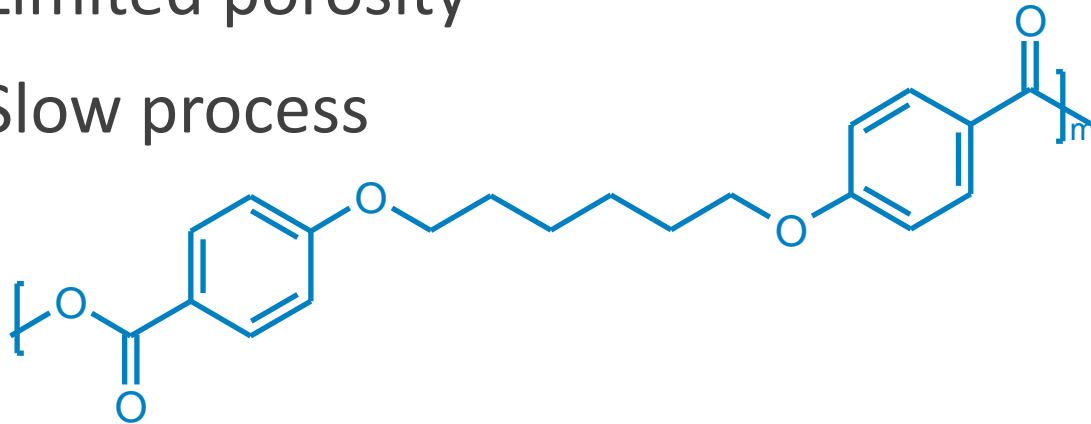
Surface Erosion

Hydrophobic polymers

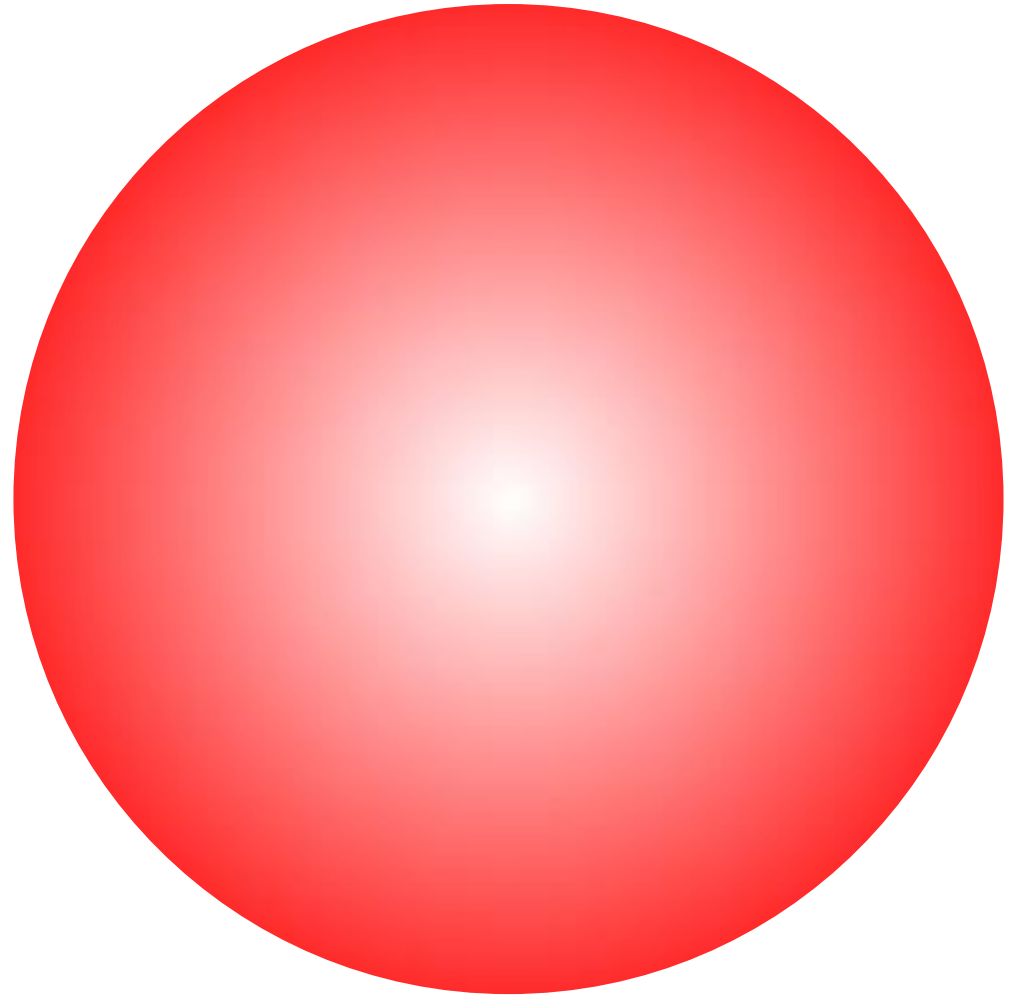
Prevent water from penetrating
interior

Limited porosity

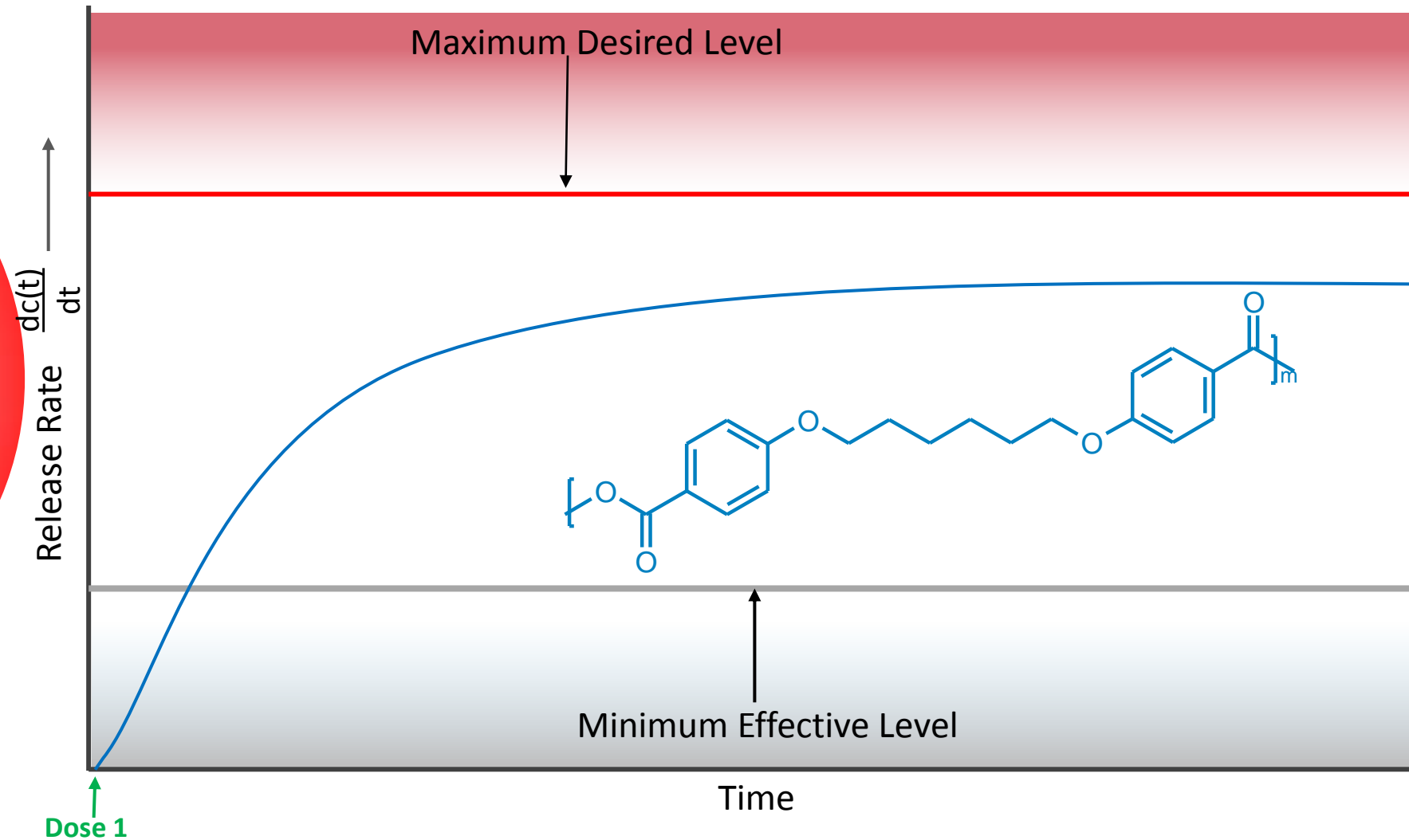
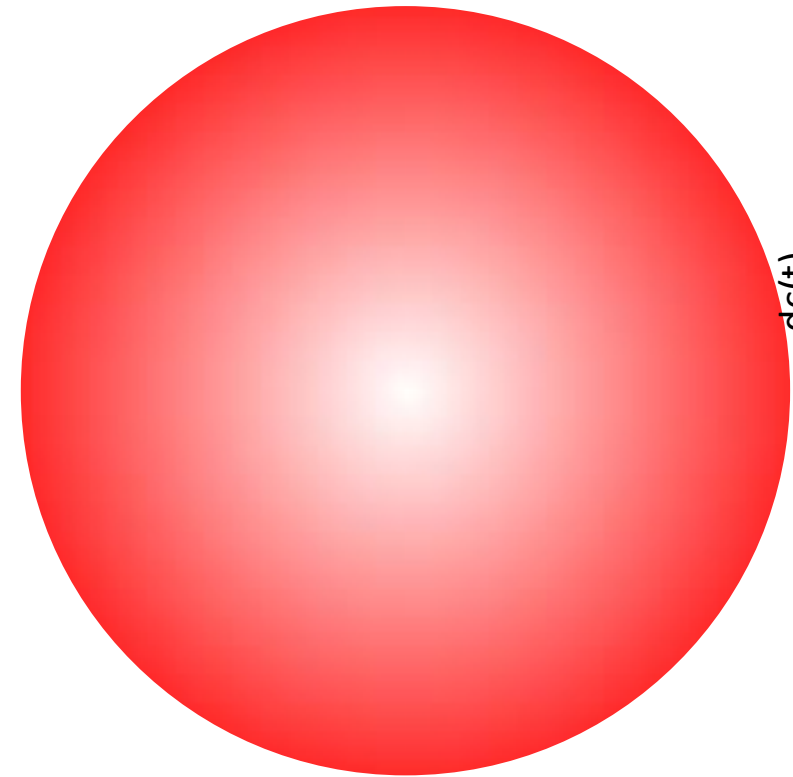
Slow process



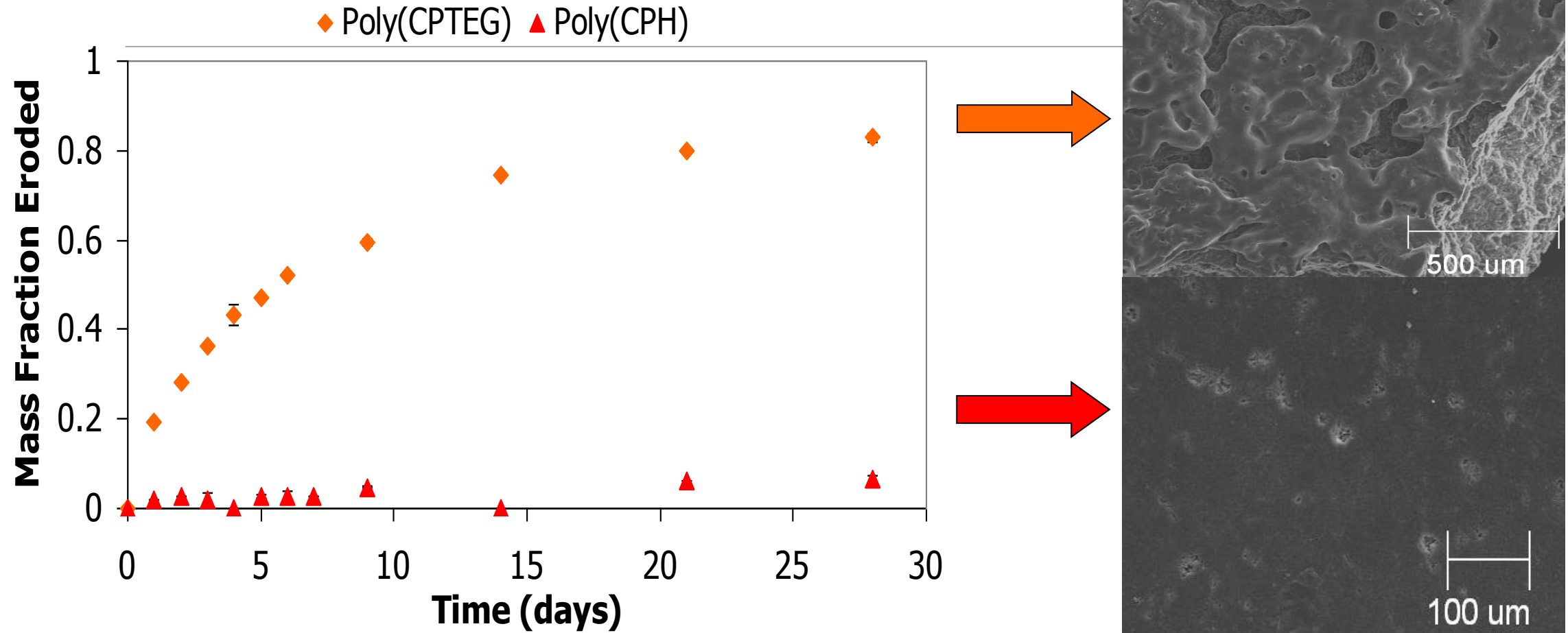
Hydrophobic anhydride monomer
1,6-bis(*p*-carboxyphenoxy) hexane (CPH)



Hydrophobic anhydride monomer
1,6-bis(*p*-carboxyphenoxy) hexane (CPH)



Erosion Mechanism of CPTEG:CPH



Polymers exhibit distinct erosion profiles that can be controlled by tailoring copolymer composition

Chemistry Matters...

Polymer degradation

- Bulk erosion (e.g., CPTEG)
- Surface erosion (CPH & SA)

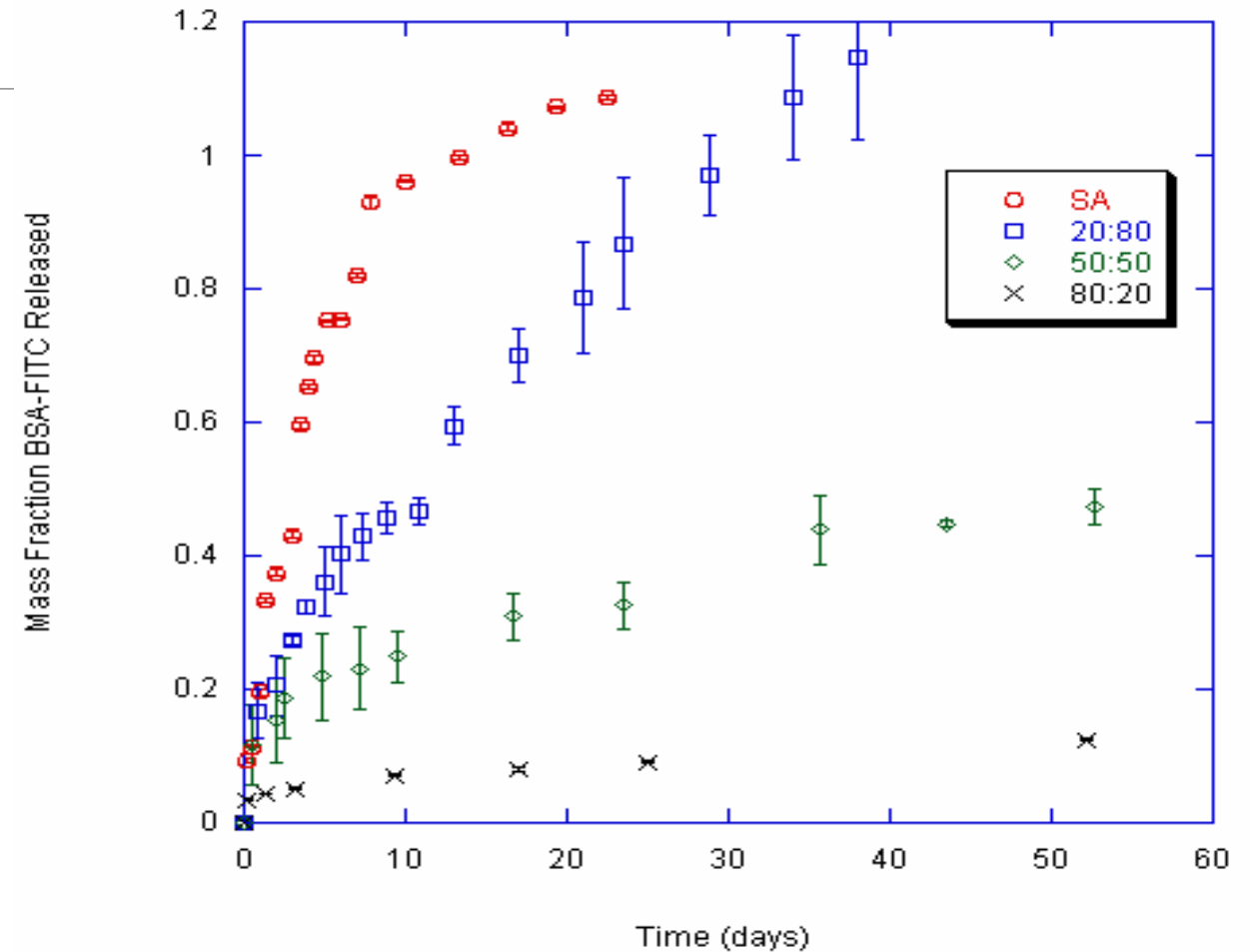
Drug/protein release

Protein/antigen stabilization

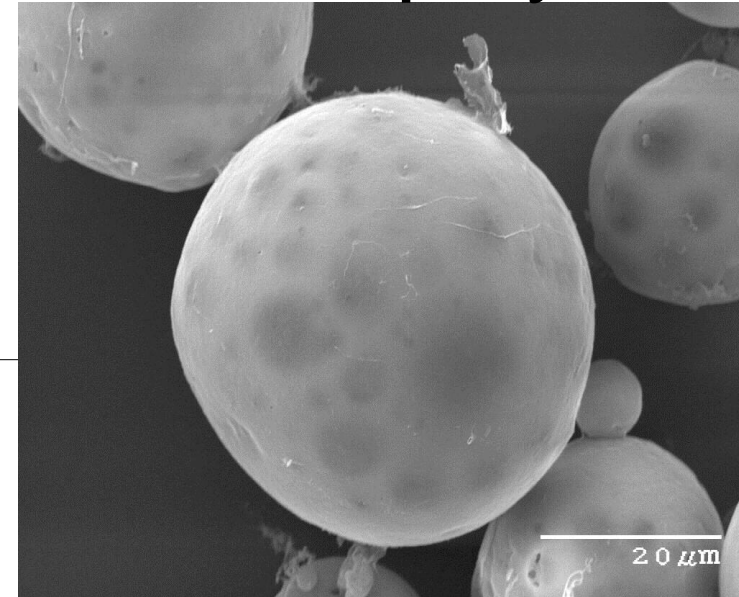
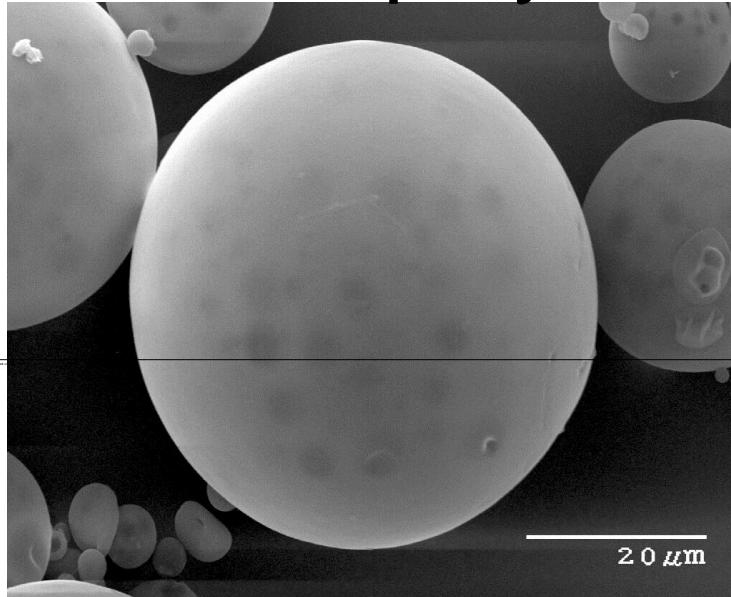
- Structure
- Function

Immunomodulatory vaccines

- Single dose
- Efficacious immune responses

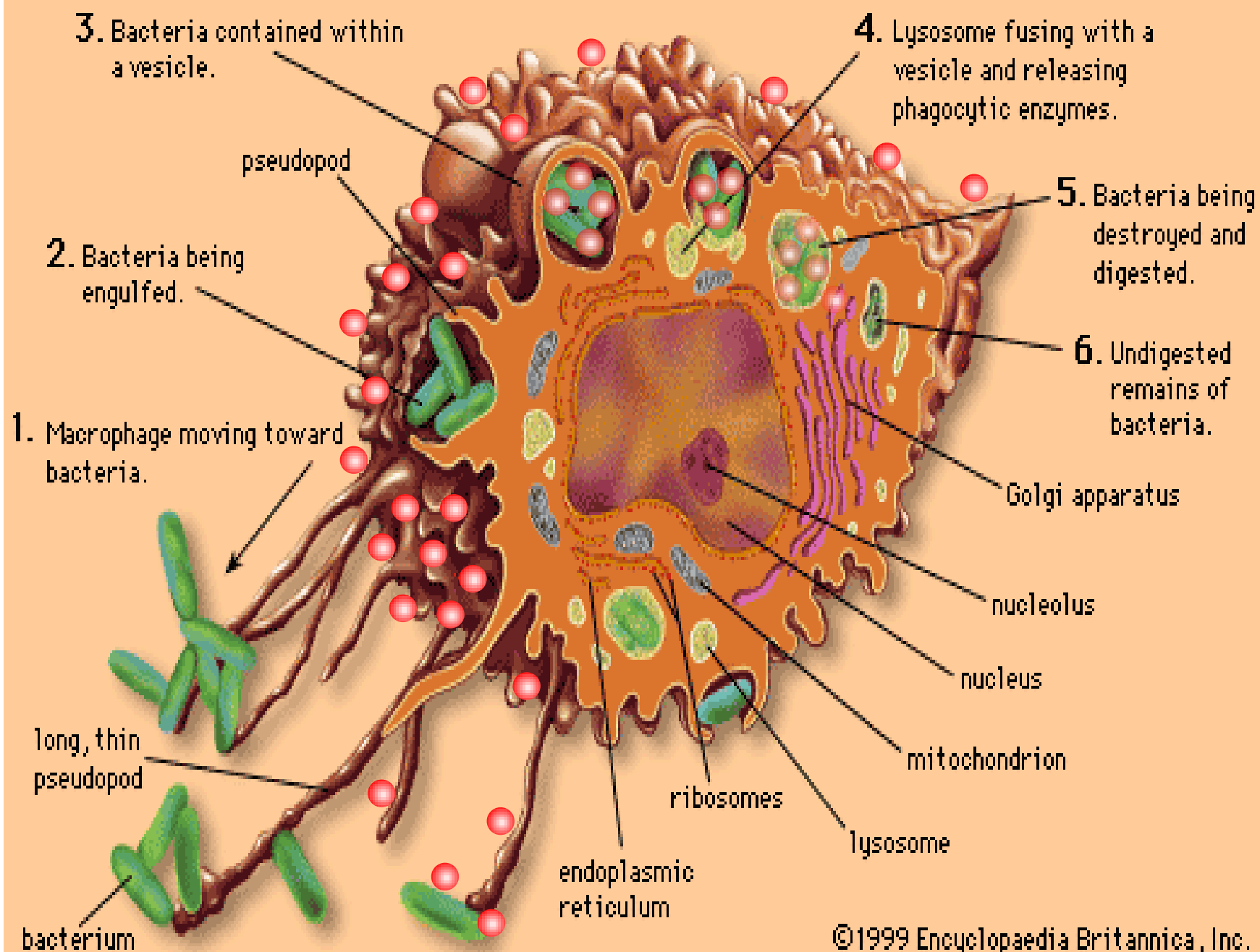


20:80 copolymer 50:50 copolymer

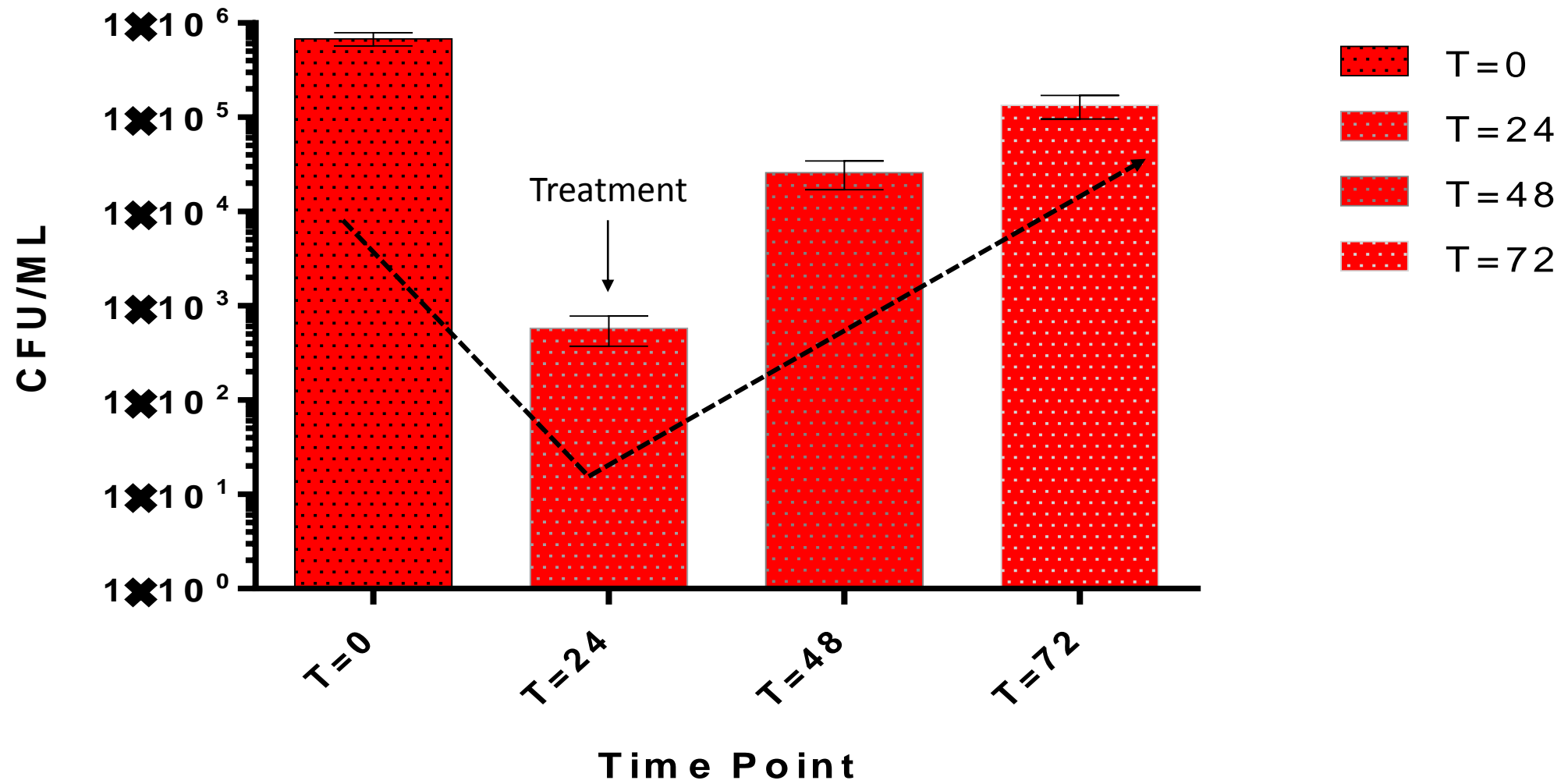


Project Goal

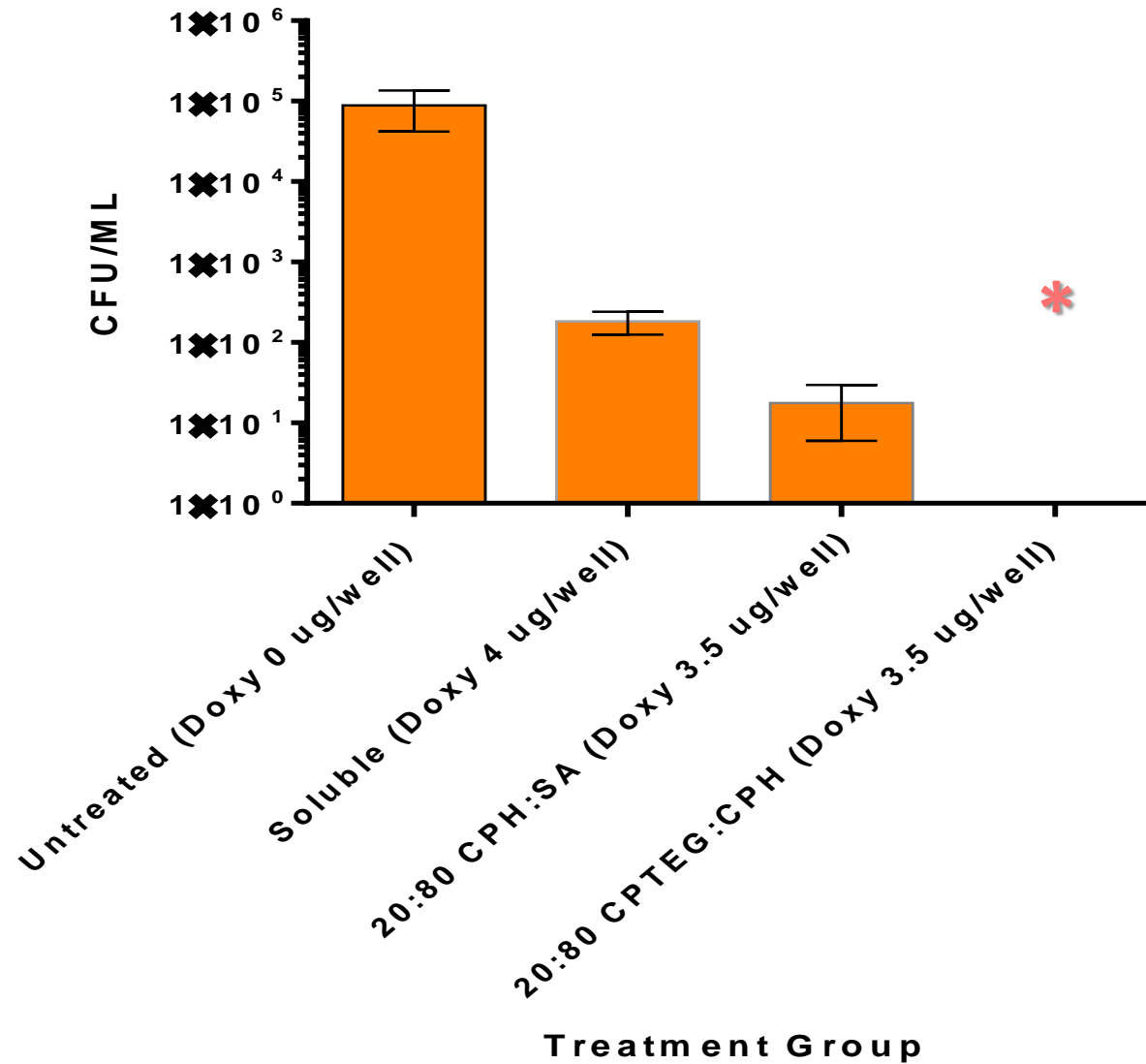
Develop and assess polyanhydride nanoparticles as an intracellular antibiotic delivery vehicle.



Time course of *B. melitensis* in Raw Cells



Intracellular Efficacy of PA nanospheres encapsulated w/22% Doxycycline, against *B. melitensis* in RAWs, 48 Hrs Post-treatment



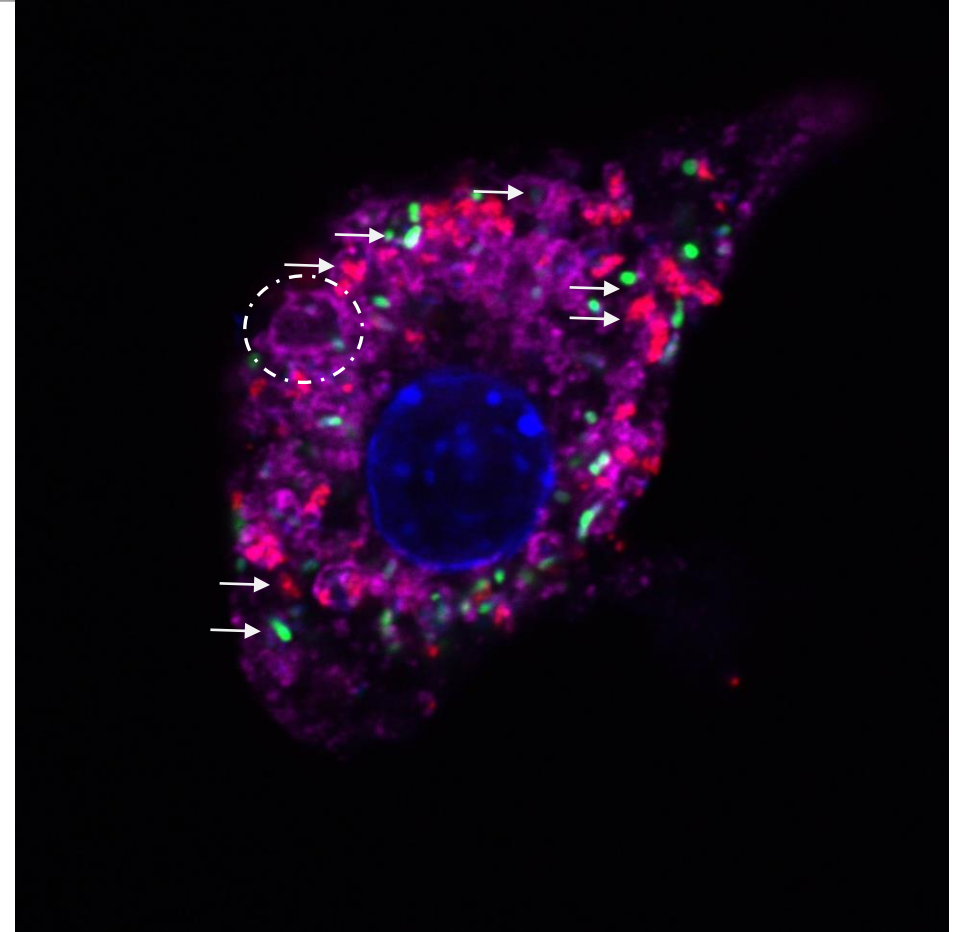
* $p < 0.05$

Results

- Encapsulated PA nanoparticles were effective
 - Depot
 - Controlled release
 - Reduced/eliminated bacterial load
- 20:80 CPH:SA more effective after 24HRS
- 20:80 CPTEG:CPH more effective after 48 HRS, with no viable CFU

Key Observation

- At later time points, the number of cells containing nanoparticles decreased with infected cells
- Within the phagosome, there was limited colocalization between nanoparticles and *Brucella*.
- Nanoparticles and/or *Brucella* were not always localized within the phagosome



Incorporate encapsulated & blank nanoparticles in In vitro *Brucella* killing assay.

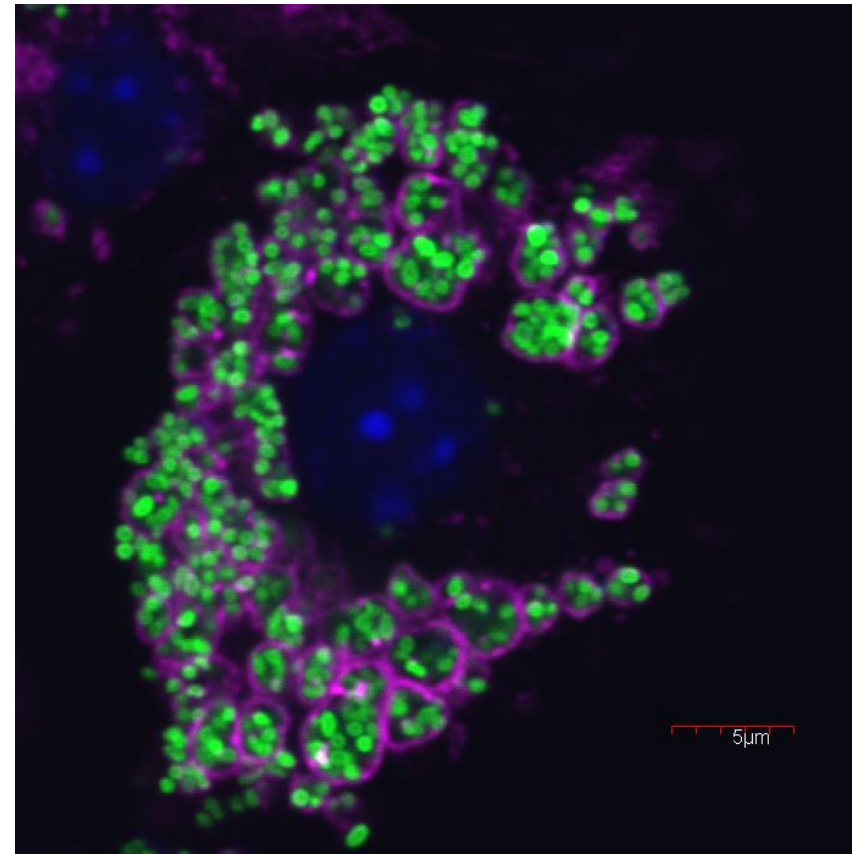
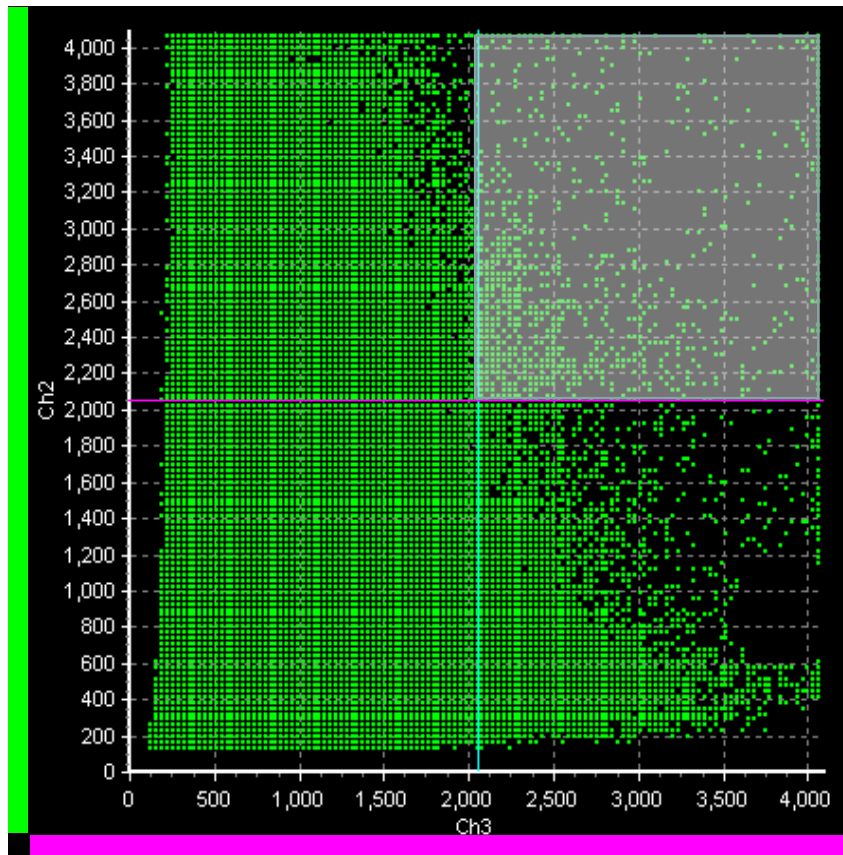


Hypothesis

1. Colocalization between *Brucella* and NPs (antibiotics + dye), would not occur, as the NP arrive at their depot and releasing antibiotic, which kills *Brucella*, overtime and eliminating any GFP fluorescence.
2. Colocalization between *Brucella* and NP (dye alone), would occur, as the NPs arrive at their depot but do not contain antibiotic. Allowing *Brucella* to survive and fluoresce GFP.

Brucella melitensis in RAW 264.7 CELLS, 72 HRS P.I.

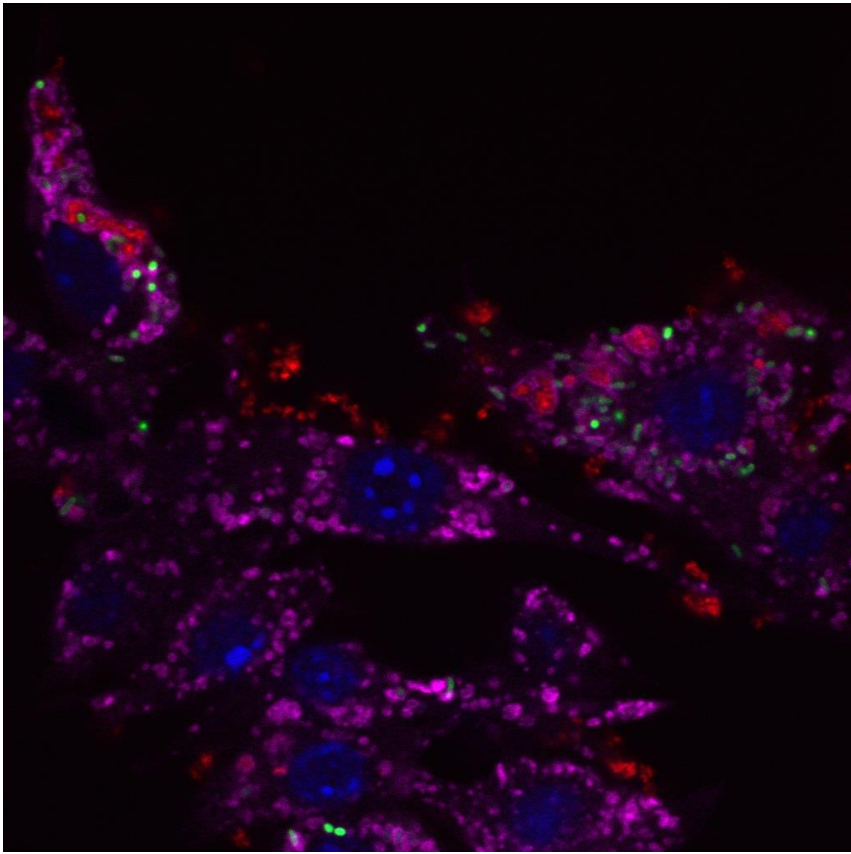
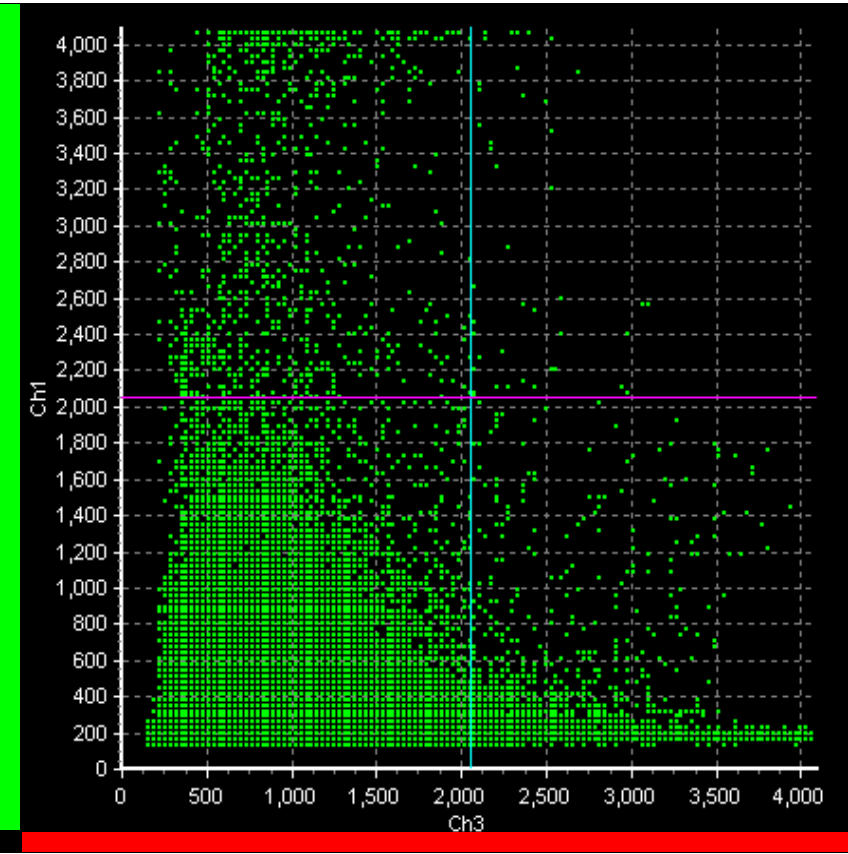
Colocalization of *B. melitensis* (GFP) and LAMP-1 (Cy5)



| ROI | Area (pixels^2) | Pearson's Coeff. | Overlap | Overlap Index 1 | Overlap Index 2 | Coloc. Index 1 | Coloc. Index 2 |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Entire Slice | 1.0486E+06 | 0.43717 | 0.64569 | 0.88946 | 0.46873 | 0.12342 | 0.02395 |

Brucella melitensis in RAW 264.7 CELLS, 2 HRS P.T. (CC)

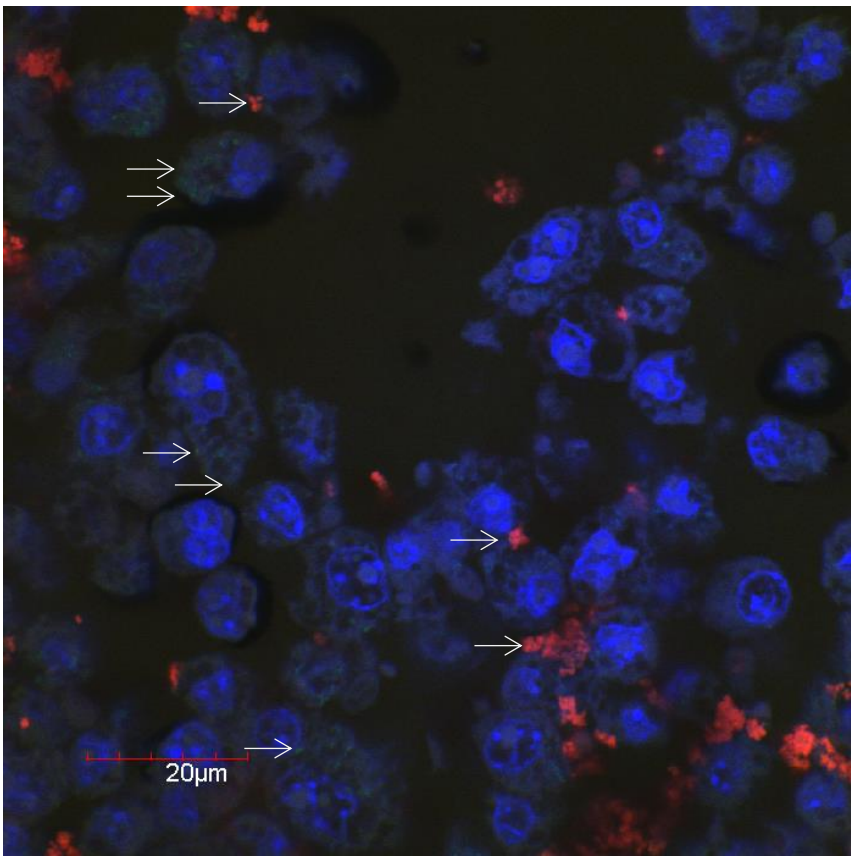
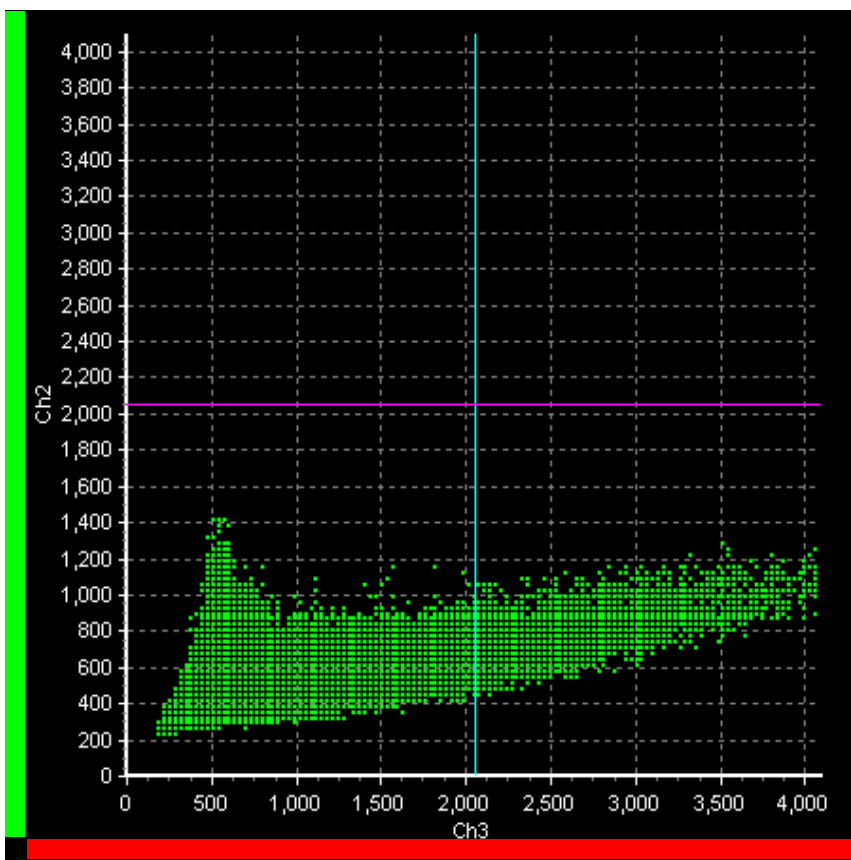
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| Entire Slice | 1.0486E+06 | 0.19947 | 0.675457 | 0.29038 | 1.5725 | 0.0025612 | 0.011465 |

Brucella melitensis in RAW 264.7 CELLS, 24 HR P.T. (CC)

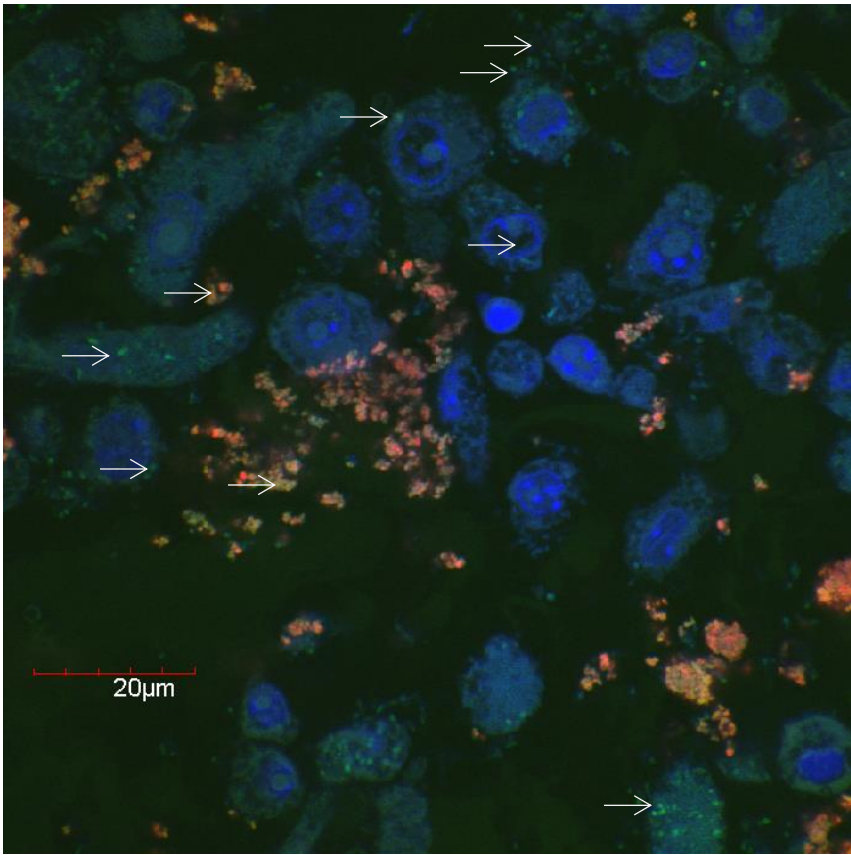
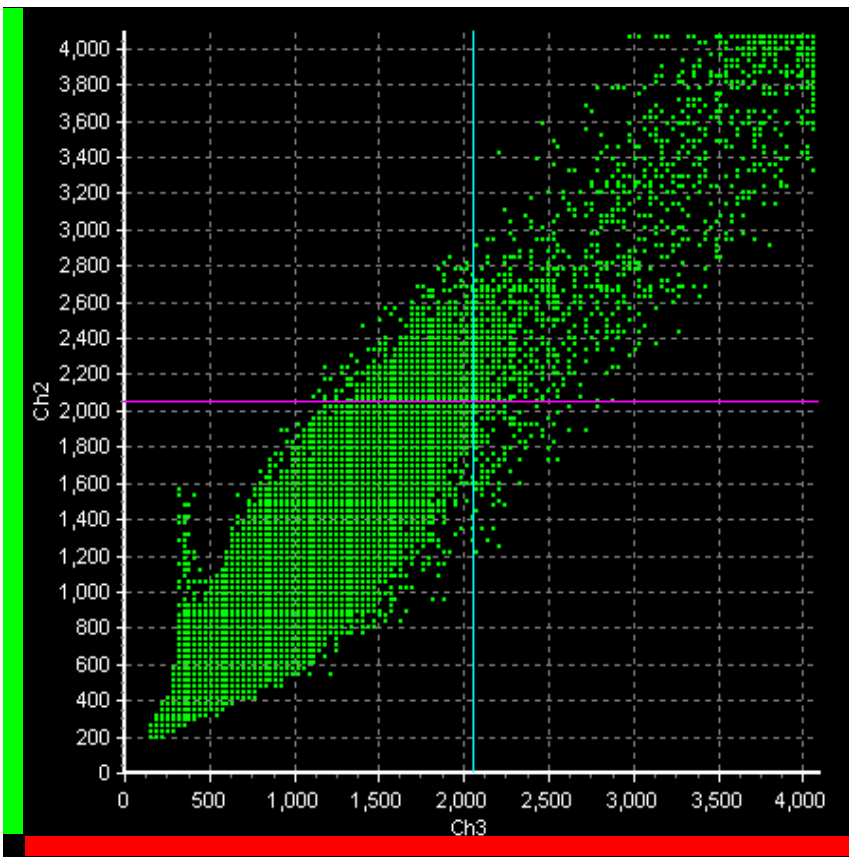
Colocalization of *B. melitensis* (GFP) and Nanoparticles with Antibiotic (Rhod-B)



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| Entire Slice | 6.40E+05 | 0.45195 | 0.93573 | 0.87632 | 0.99917 | 0 | 0.0099362 |

Brucella melitensis in RAW 264.7 CELLS, 24 HR P.T. (CCB)

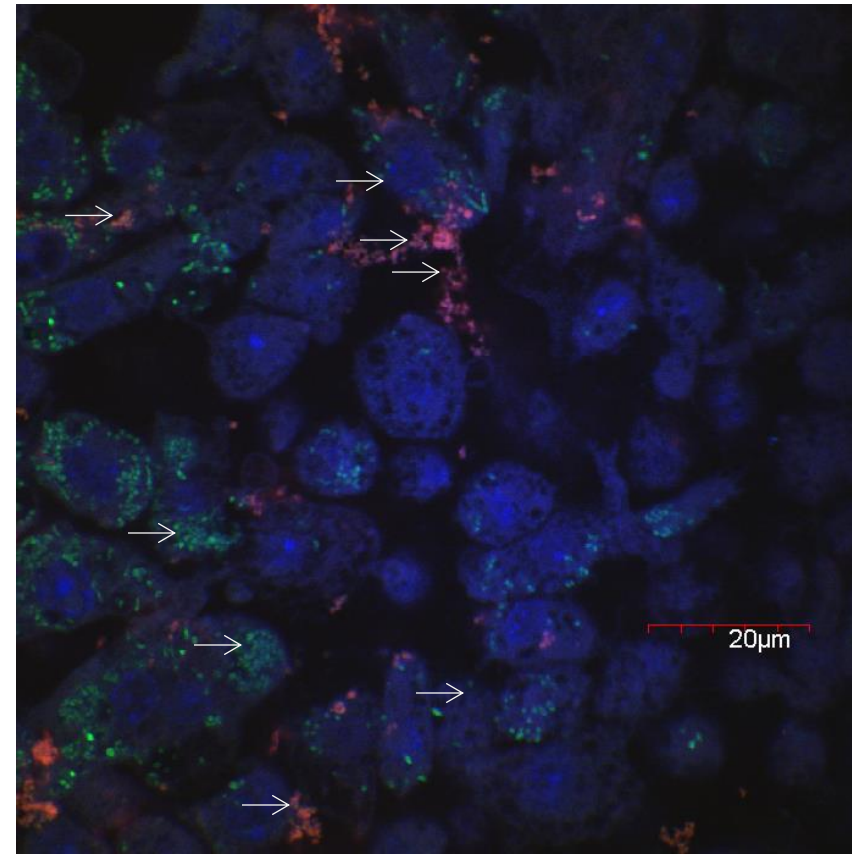
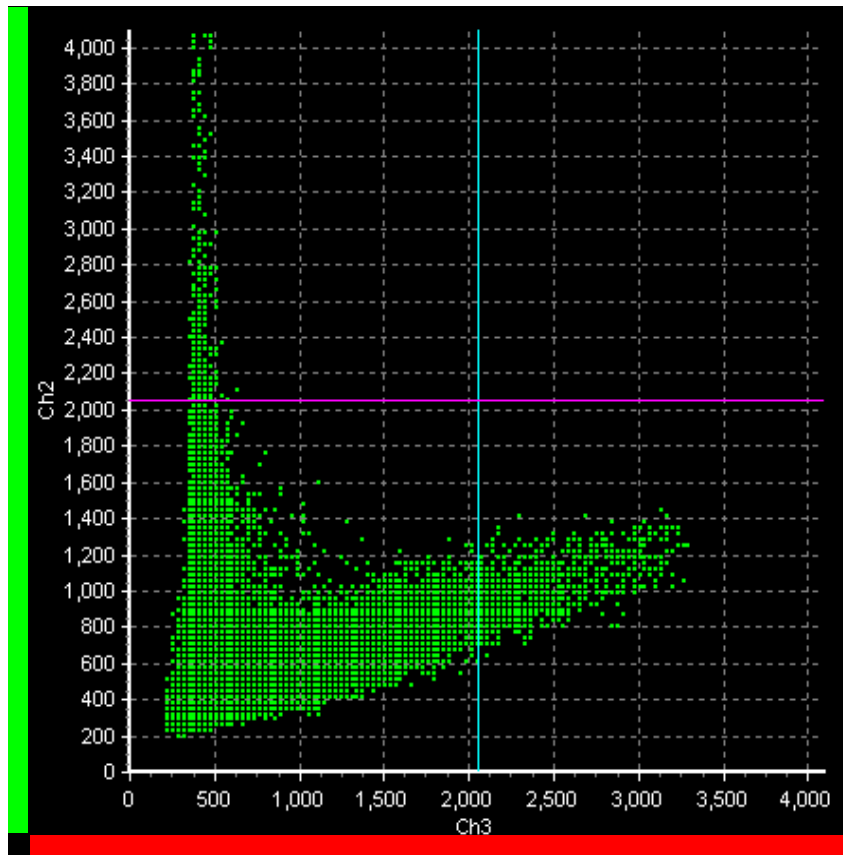
Colocalization of *B. melitensis* (GFP) and Nanoparticles without Antibiotic (Rhod-B)



| ROI | Area (pixels^2) | Pearson's Coeff. | Overlap | Overlap Index 1 | Overlap Index 2 | Coloc. Index 1 | Coloc. Index 2 |
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| Entire Slice | 6.40E+05 | 0.68038 | 0.86893 | 1.2357 | 0.61101 | 0.0062776 | 0.027314 |

Brucella melitensis in RAW 264.7 CELLS, 24 HR P.T. (CS)

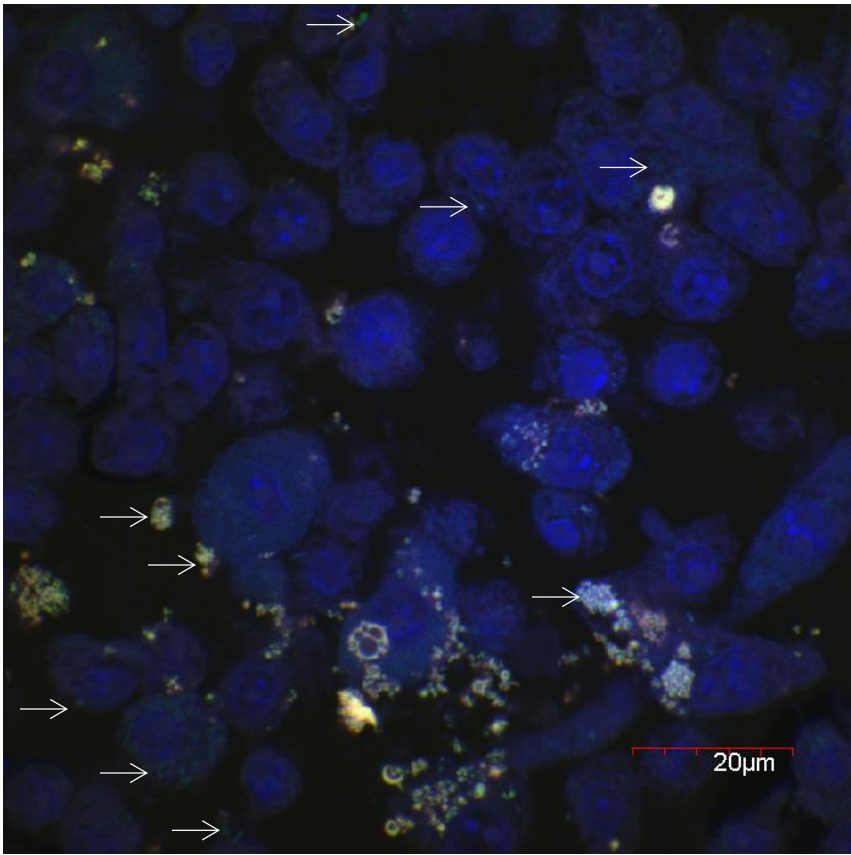
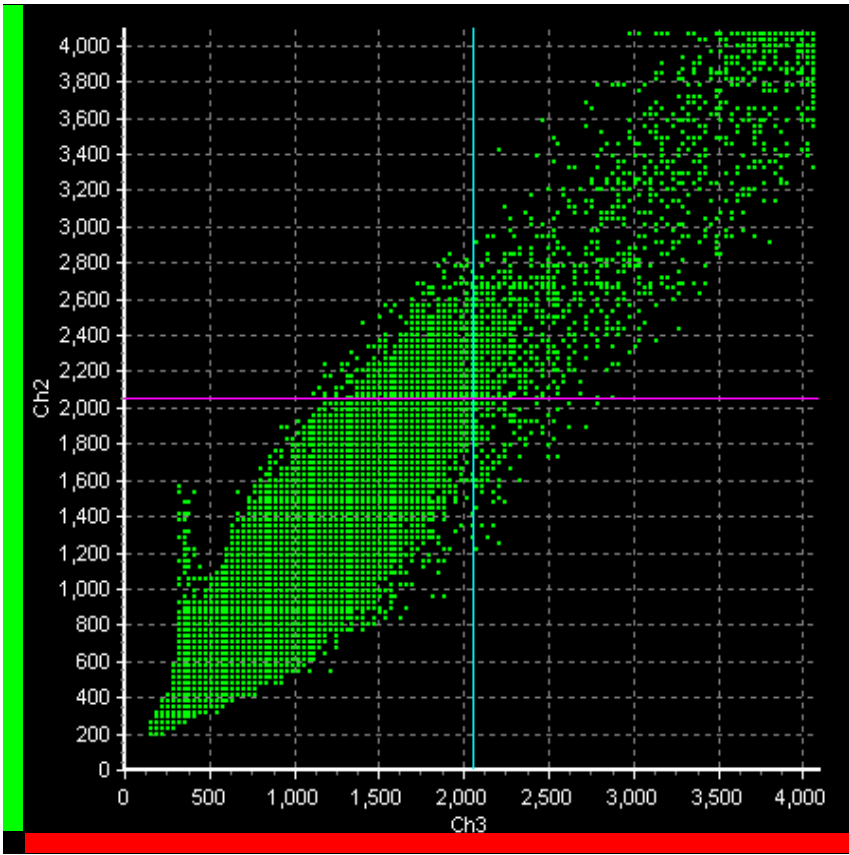
Colocalization of *B. melitensis* (*GFP*) and Nanoparticles with Antibiotic (*Rhod-B*)



| ROI | Area (pixels^2) | Pearson's Coeff. | Overlap | Overlap Index 1 | Overlap Index 2 | Coloc. Index 1 | Coloc. Index 2 |
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| Entire Slice | 6.40E+05 | 0.46532 | 0.92486 | 0.94313 | 0.90694 | 0.00066127 | 0.0043028 |

Brucella melitensis in RAW 264.7 CELLS, 24 HR P.T. (CSB)

Colocalization of *B. melitensis* (GFP) and Nanoparticles without Antibiotic (Rhod-B)



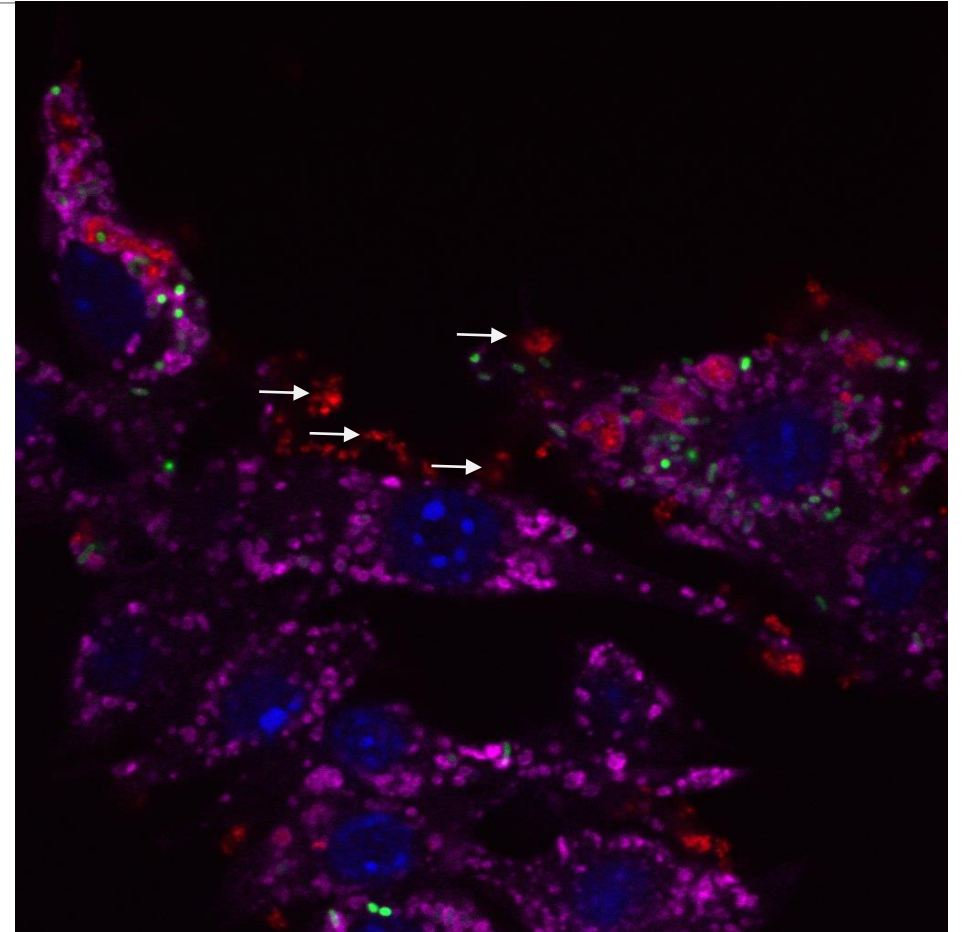
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| Entire Slice | 6.40E+05 | 0.94981 | 0.98905 | 1.0748 | 0.91019 | 0.026637 | 0.017083 |

Results

- At 24 hours post treatment blank nanoparticles (CCB/CSB) had significantly larger Pearson Coefficients compared to (CC/CS)
- 20:80 CCB Pearson Coefficient Average (0.713)
- 20:80 CSB Pearson Coefficient Average (0.927)

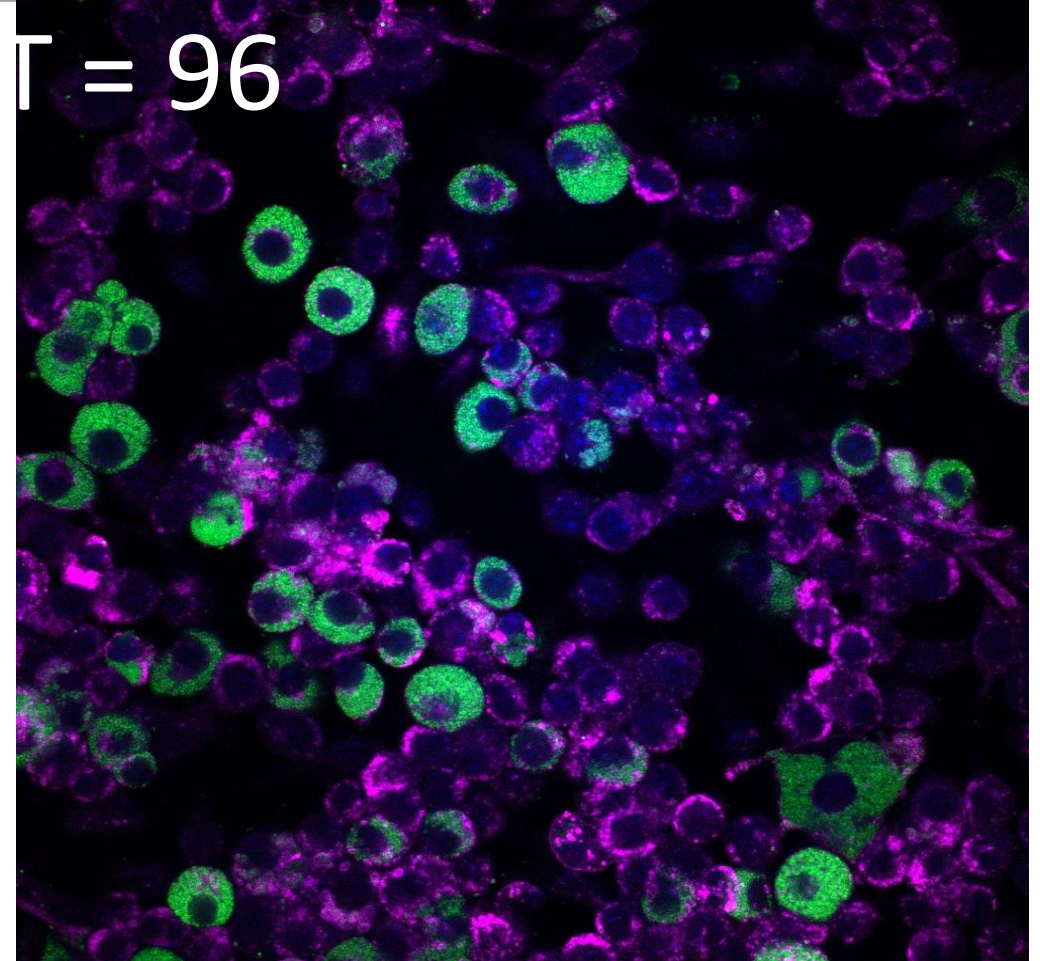
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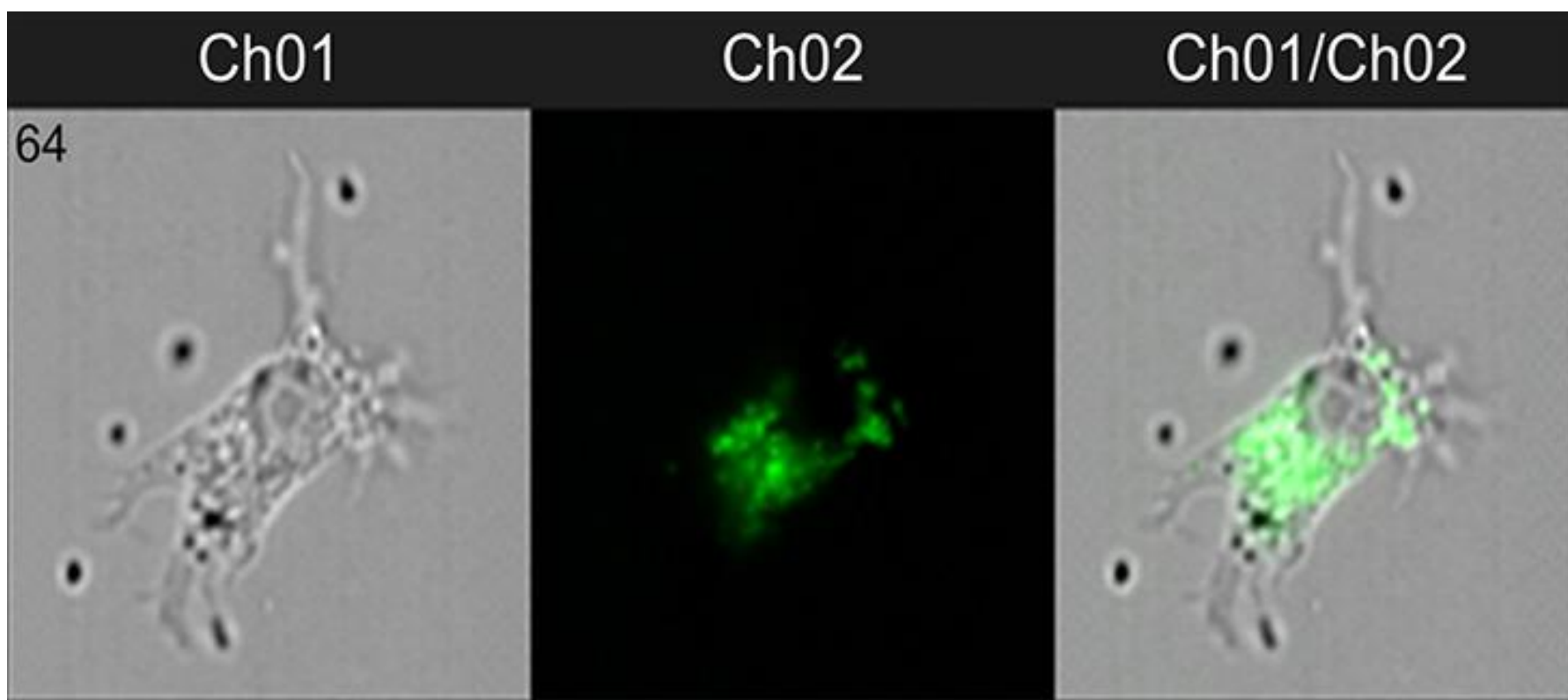
- Although nanoparticles were observed in phagosome, many were outside of cells, sometimes causing a lot of background in microscopy images



Key Observation

- With microscopy, there was difficulty quantifying monolayer sub-population (High-Low-No Infection)
- Difficulty gating populations

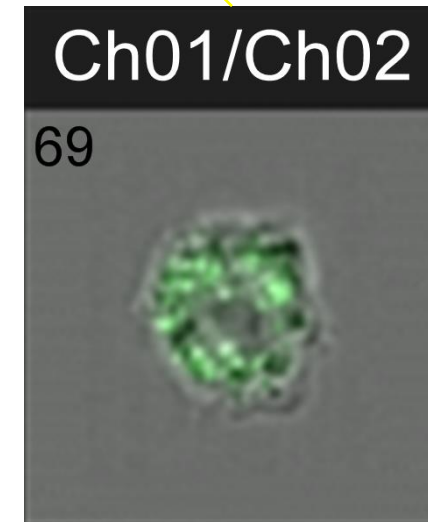
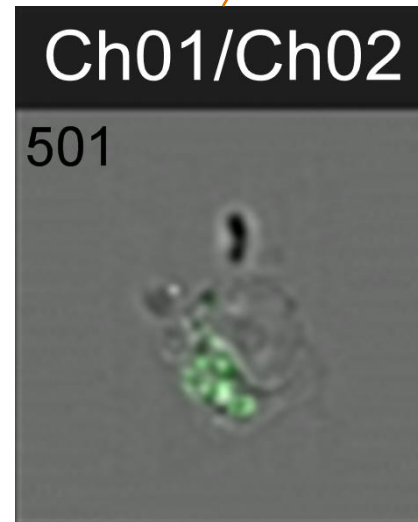
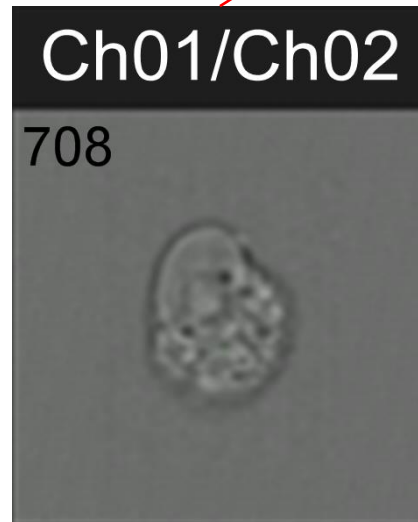
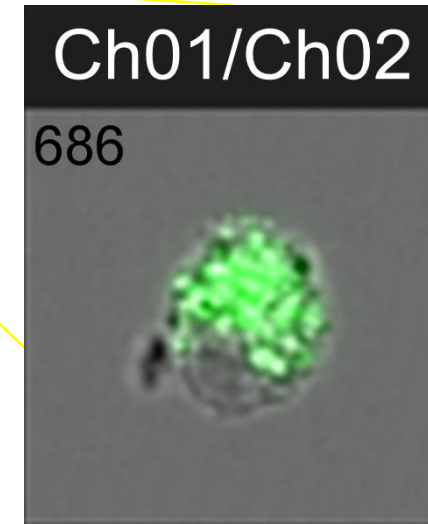
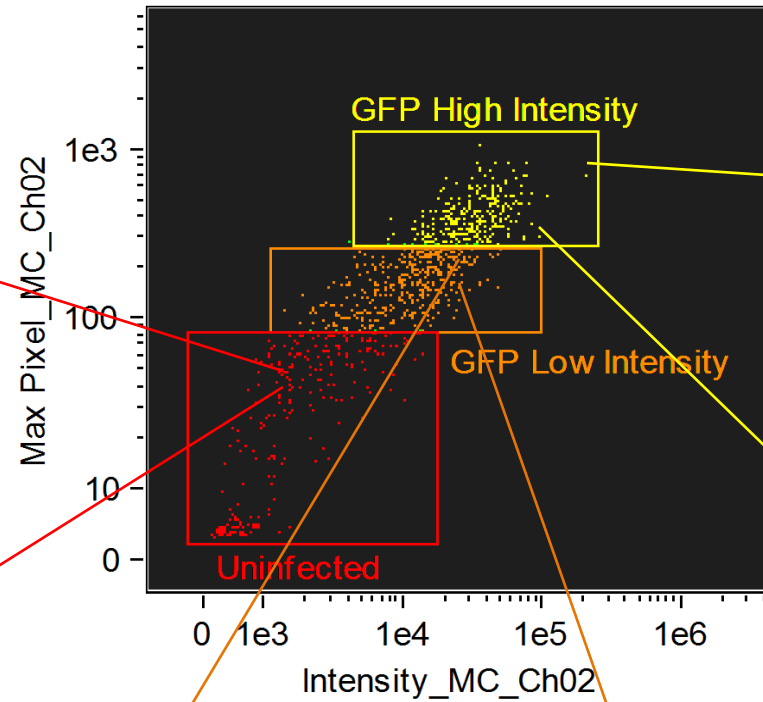
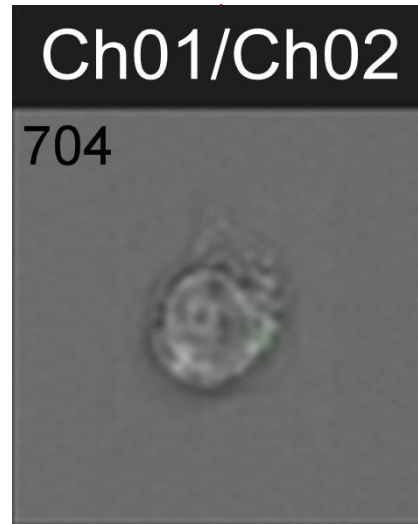




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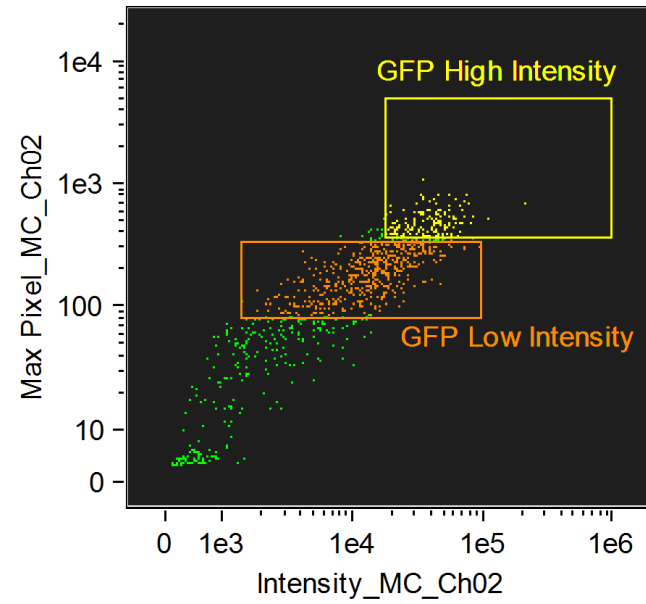
UTILIZING MULTI-SPECTRAL IMAGING FLOW CYTOMETRY TO
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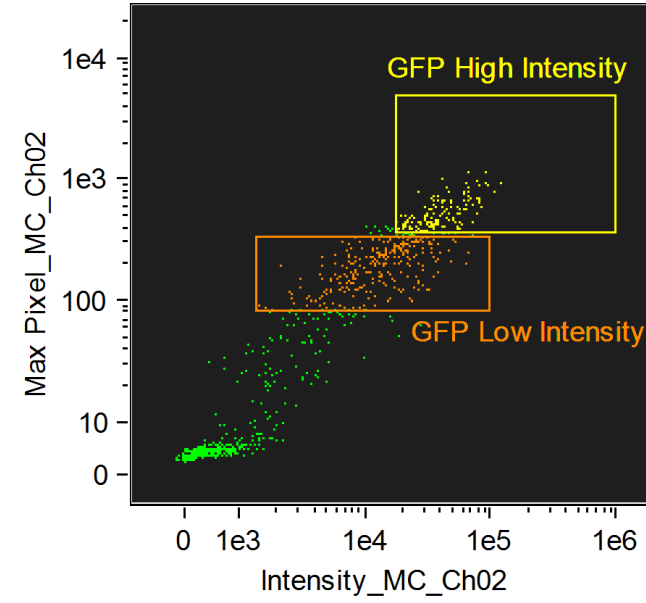


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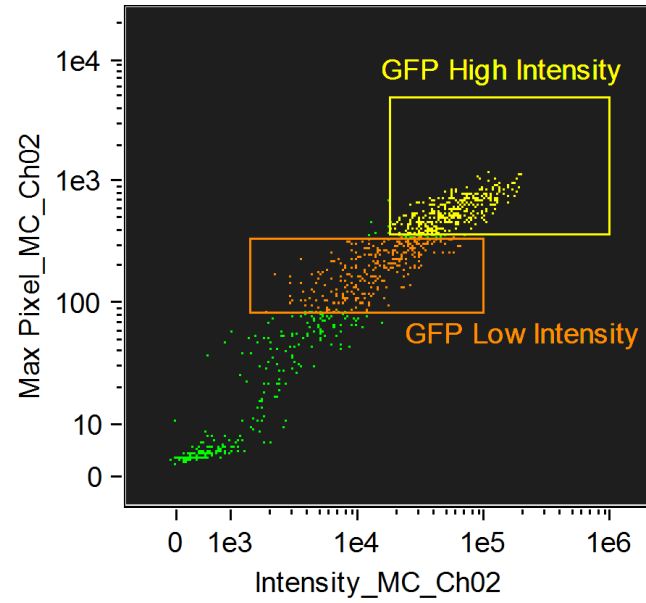
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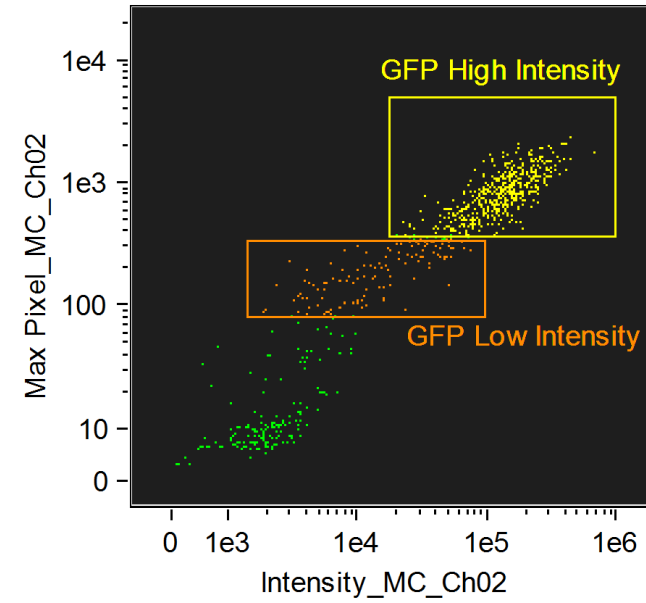
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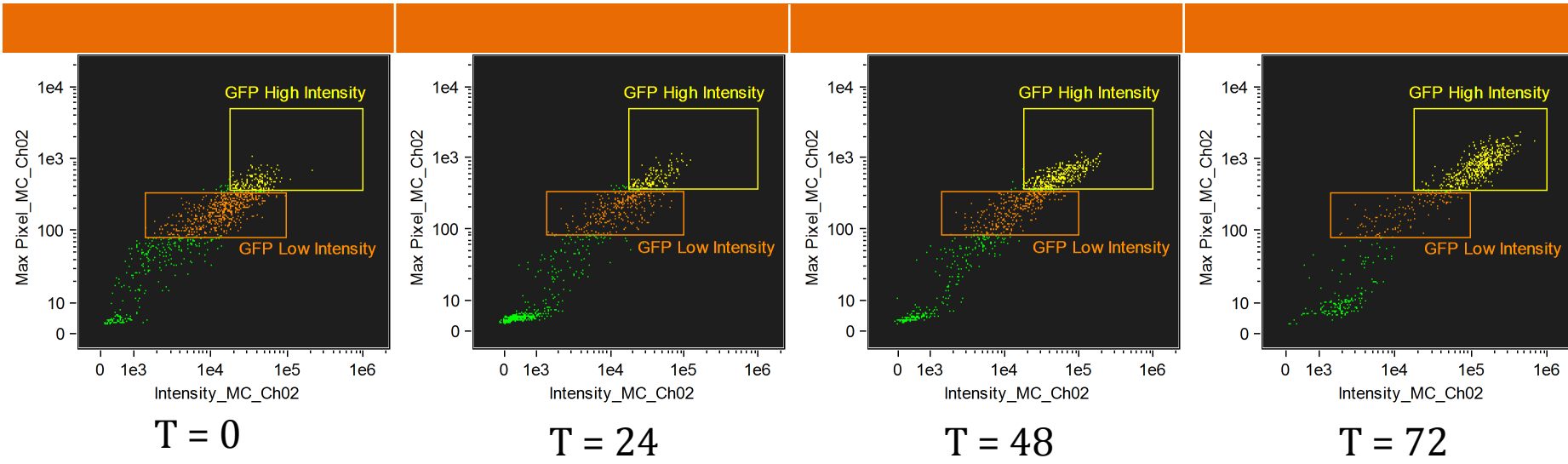
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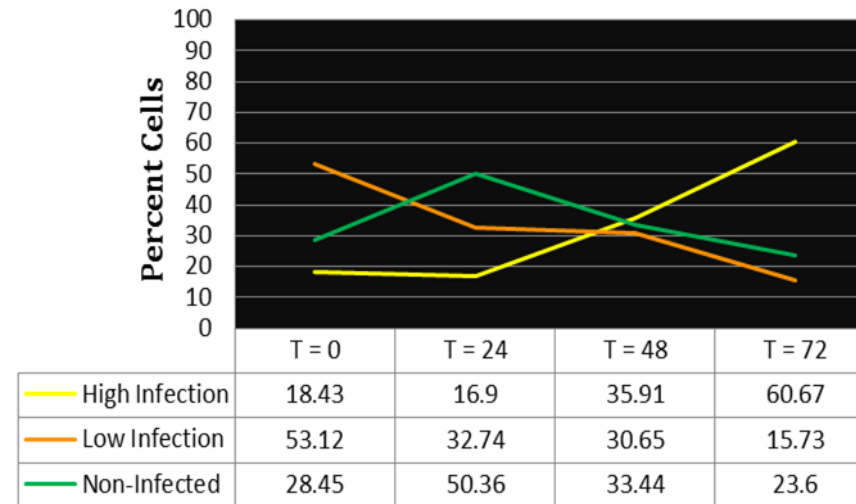
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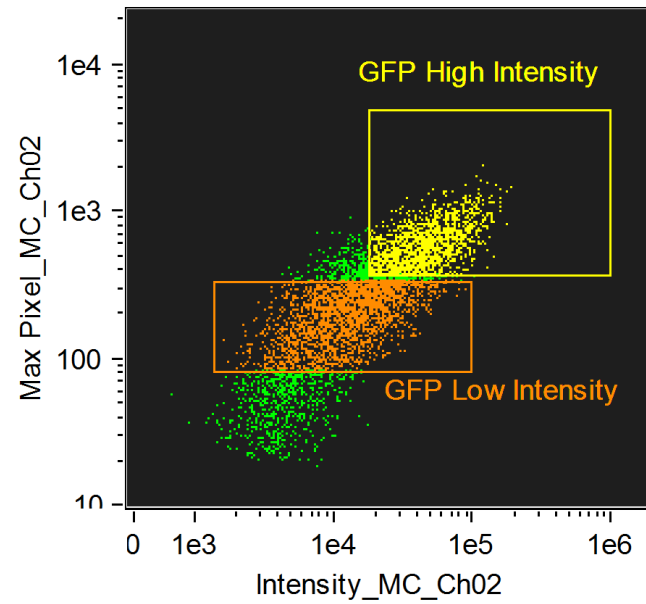


Brucella melitensis infection in RAWs

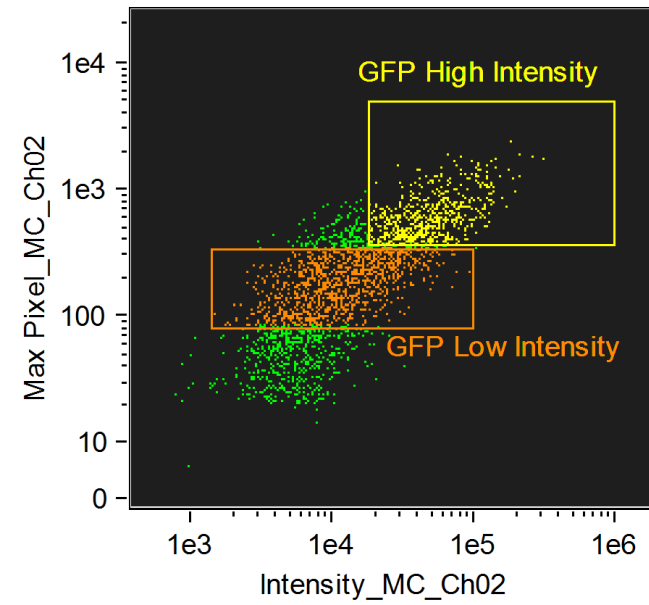


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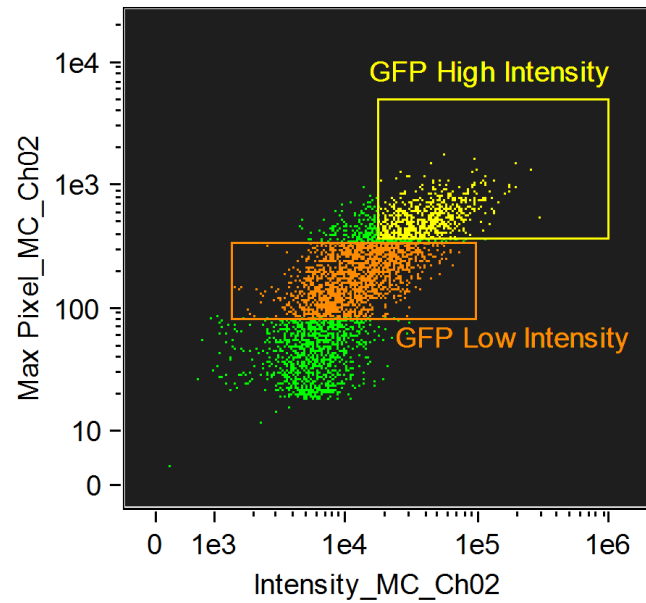
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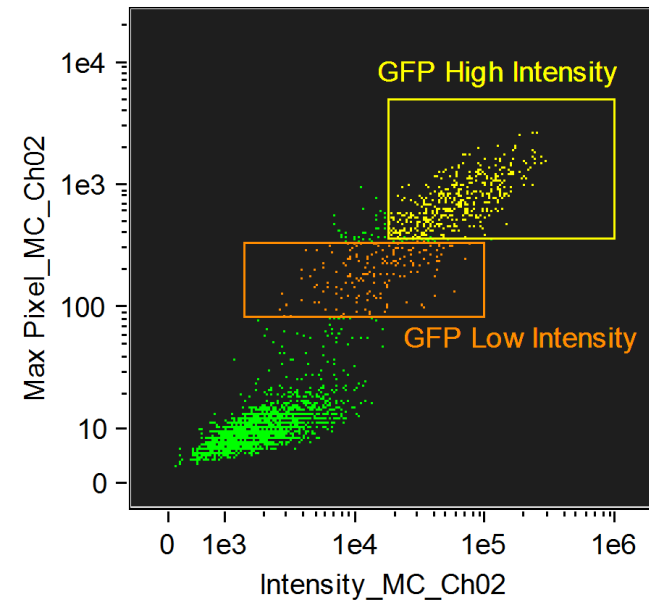
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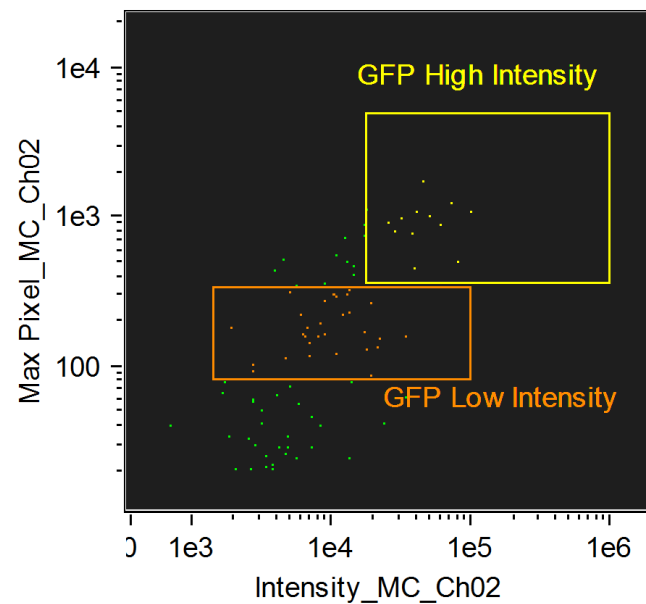


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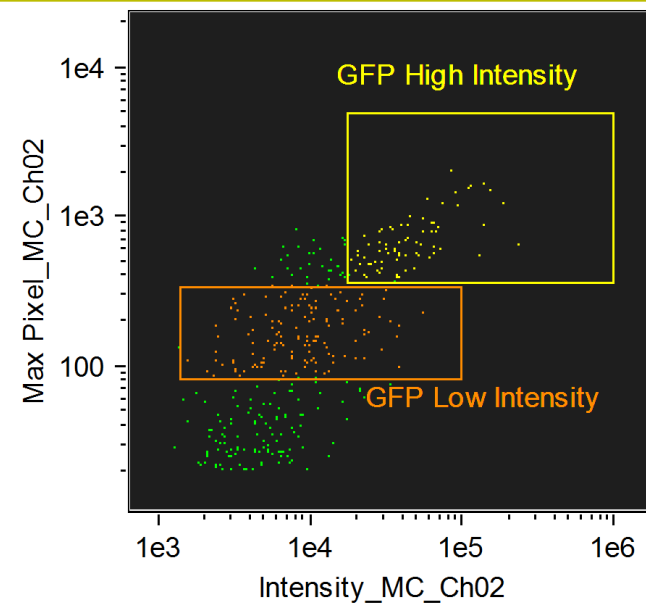


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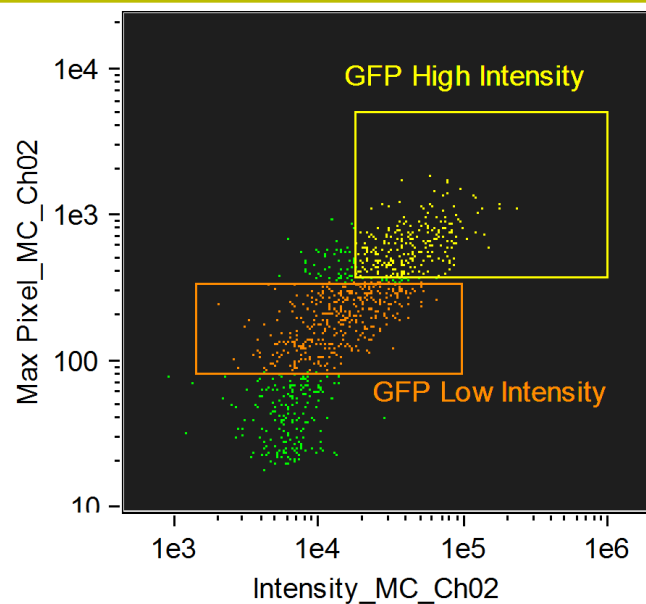
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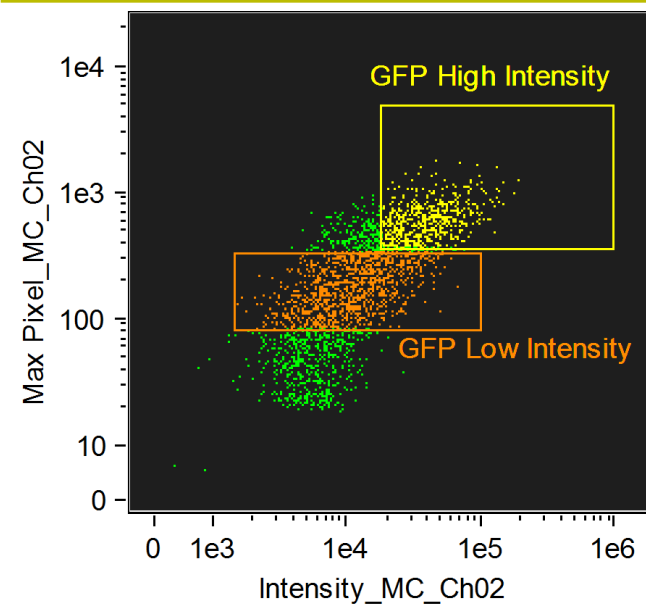
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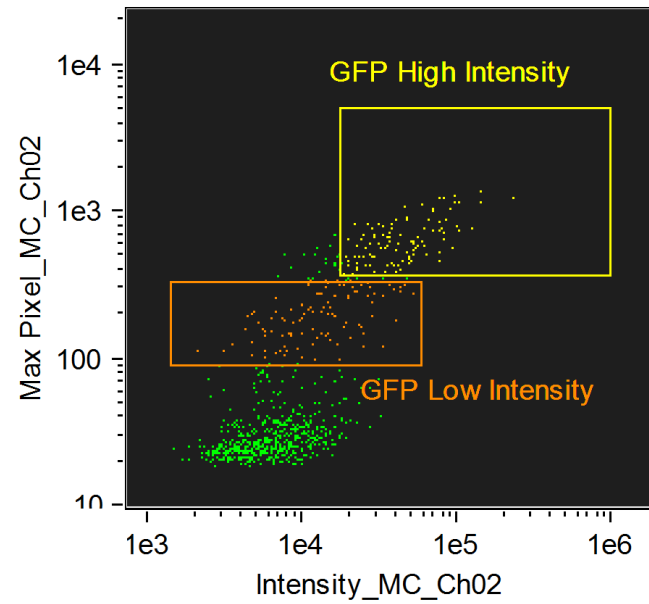
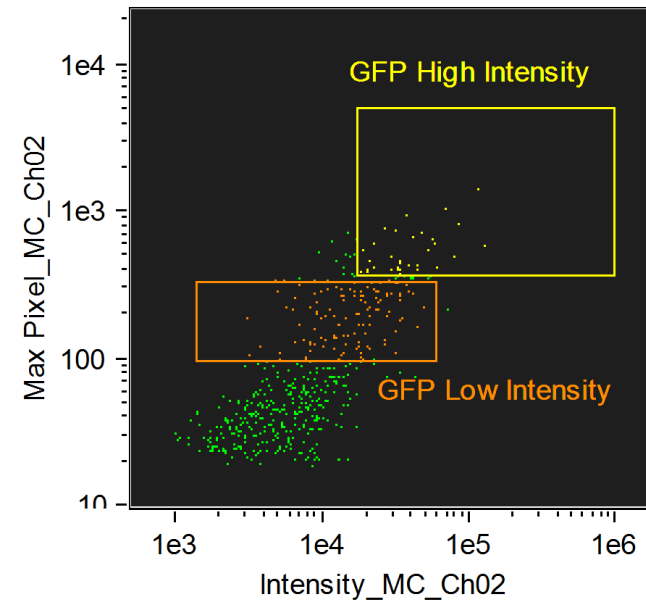
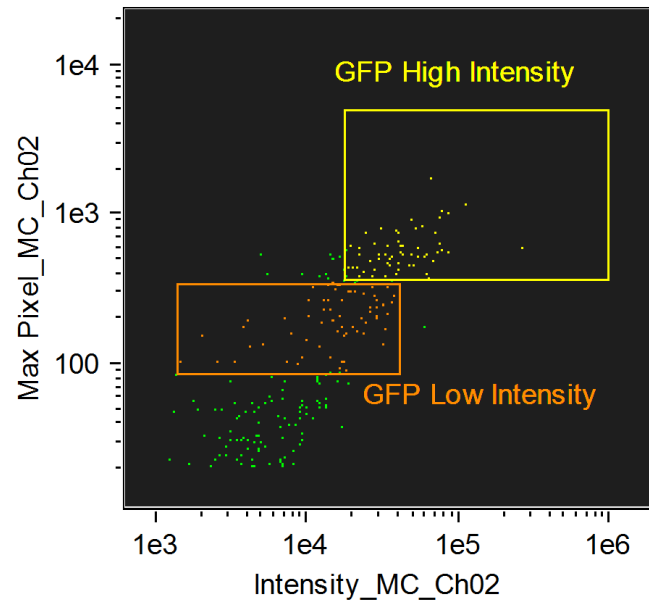
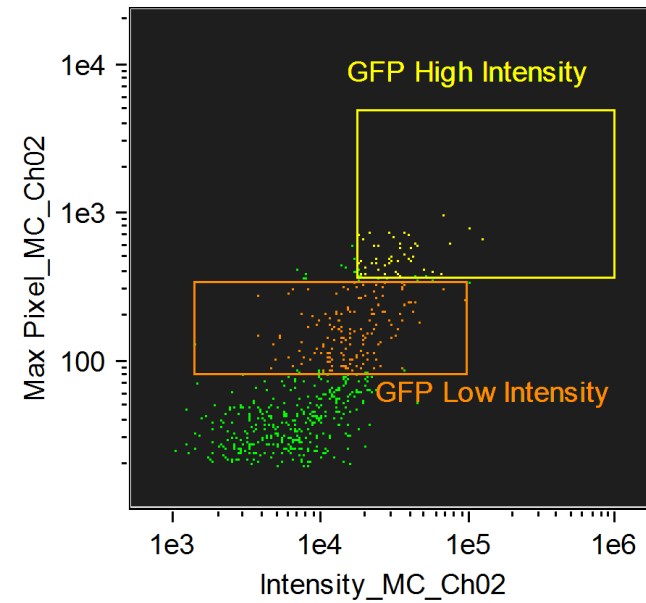


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ImageStream Significance

IS capable of detecting both internalized nanoparticles as well as bacteria, and excluding external components

IS capable of gating and generating robust statistical data about subpopulations within an infection profile.

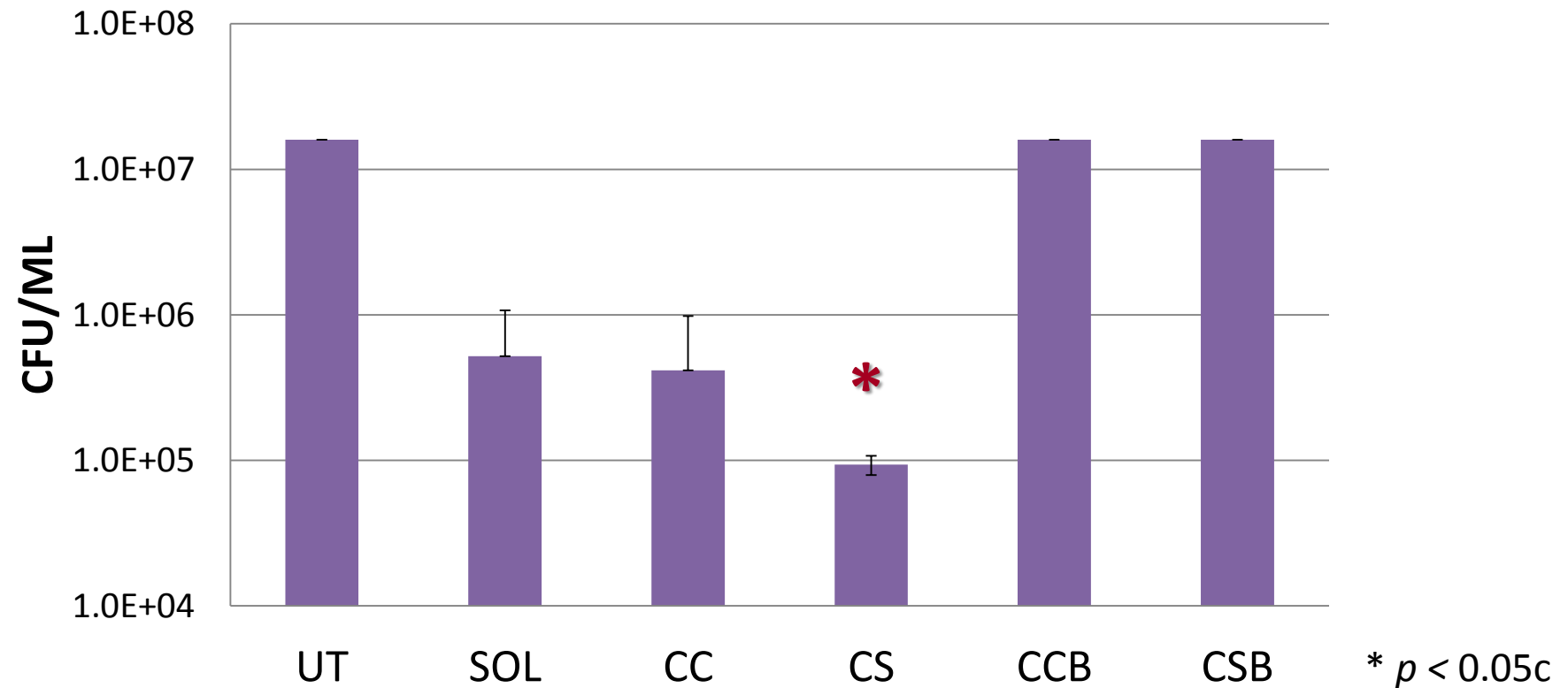
IS capability provides an accurate cell-by-cell analysis of fluorescent signal intensities and spatial relationships (colocalization) between different structures and cellular features at high speed.

Conclusions

- Encapsulated PA nanoparticles are effective therapeutic agents capable of reducing/eliminating bacterial load in murine macrophages.
 - PA nanoparticles localize in phagosomal compartments
 - PA nanoparticles safely deliver antigen
 - PA nanoparticles can control release of antigen
 - PA nanoparticles chemistry modifications alter therapeutic profile

Future Directions: *Burkholderia* spp.

***B. pseudomallei* T = 24 PT
with NP doxycycline**



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